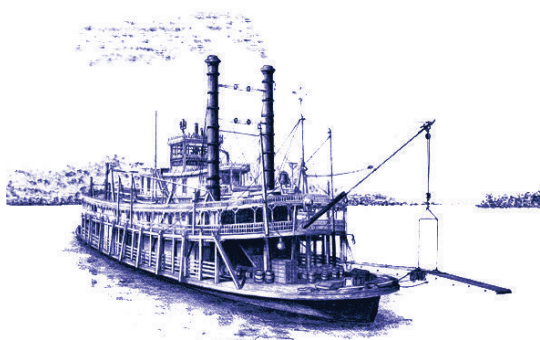




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Curb to curb



Bob Demaree

Milling and paving began this week on Madison's curb to curb resurfacing of Main Street between Mill Street and St. Michaels Avenue. Workers with All Star Paving were laying asphalt near the Ohio Theatre on Tuesday — under the watchful presence of a large Halloween skeleton atop the theater marquee — and heading east with westbound traffic still using that side of the roadway. Once the eastbound lanes are paved work will switch to the west side with the east side reopened to traffic. The huge skeleton is promoting this weekend's annual Horror at the Ohio Film Festival where 17 horror films will be screened along with a special guest appearance by Linnea Quigley, characterized as America's Scream Queen. Doors open Friday at 5 p.m. and Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Madison adopts \$15.9M budget for 2026

BY BOB DEMAREE

A \$15.9 million budget was adopted by Madison City Council at its meeting Tuesday. When combined with utility services, the total cost of city operations will approach \$26 million.

In a city press release, the budget plan was described as preserving essential city services, prioritizing public safety, housing and quality of life initiatives while addressing fiscal challenges created by Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 1 and ongoing inflationary pressures. The 2026 budget was also described as leveraging tax dollars, grants, reserves, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds, charitable contributions, private

investment, and user fees to balance investments across the community.

Mayor Bob Courtney, who was attending the Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM) Ideas Summit in French Lick and not present for the meeting, provided comments on the budget in a press release. "The 2026 budget builds on our shared progress and represents a continued commitment to investing in safe neighborhoods, strong infrastructure, and a quality of life that continues to make our city one of Indiana's best places to live, work and visit. Despite the new financial constraints created by SEA 1 and inflation, we remain committed to delivering essential services and

advancing the strategic priorities that keep Madison moving forward."

Before the vote, Council President Carla Krebs talked about the work that had gone into the 2026 budget. "We started working on this budget in August, and we have tweaked a few things since then ... Almost every category we reduced the budget because of some future cuts that we see coming" with expected funding decreases due to SEA 1.

The vote to adopt the budget was a unanimous 5-0 with Council members Krebs, Lucy Dattilo, Joshua Schafer, Jim Bartlett and Josh Wilber all voting yes.

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Hanover vet school on hold

Ivy Tech vet nursing off to 'strong start'

BY BOB DEMAREE

Accreditation challenges led the Hanover College Board of Trustees to vote last weekend to suspend development of a proposed Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program.

The college had been awarded a \$5.9 million Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) grant in 2022 to develop a veterinary school that was expected to have \$16.5 million in facilities and operational costs for construction/renovation and furnishing of buildings on the Hanover College campus in addition to the hiring of doctoral-level faculty and associated staff.

Peter Ashley, Hanover College vice president of enrollment and marketing, said DVM programs are accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Council on Education (COE), and the present-day challenges in receiving that accreditation led to the board's determination to suspend development of the program.

"This difficult decision stems from the COE's unwillingness to reconsider its recently announced and highly restrictive standards regarding the use of the

program delivery model Hanover intended to use for its DVM program," said Ashley, who added, "We are ready to resurrect the project when and if the accreditation landscape evolves."

Hanover's DVM program had been developed in conjunction with Ivy Tech Madison's associate degree veterinary nursing program that is moving forward in spite of the suspension of the Hanover College program.

Ivy Tech Madison Chancellor Amanda Harsin said the school's veterinary nursing program is off to "a strong start" this fall with 25 students, which she said was made possible through the Hanover College partnership and investment in the community.

"While Hanover College is currently unable to move forward with the planned Veterinary Teaching Center, Ivy Tech remains committed to ensuring our students have the facilities and experiences they need. We are actively exploring alternative facility options and working with community partners to meet the needs of our students and the broader veterinary community," she said. "I welcome conversations with anyone interested in helping us find solutions and continue this important work."

Harsin said Ivy Tech's veterinary nursing program "prepares students to work alongside veterinarians in clinical and surgical settings."

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Charlie's Beat: World-class classical trio to play Saturday

One way to put the Horszowski Trio into popular perspective is to view them as "rock stars" of the classical music scene. These are musicians at the very top of their game, playing at a level that only a handful of artists can master. And they'll be sharing their astounding performance skills in Madison at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Presbyterian church downtown.

Maybe the best way to fully grasp the level of mastery these



CHARLIE ROHLFING
COLUMNIST

three musicians have attained is to take a look at the training that shaped and elevated their skills. The trio is composed of Jesse Mills on violin, Rieko Aizawa on piano, and Ole Akahoshi on cello. Let's start with Jesse.

Jesse took up the violin when he was about kindergarten age, so his path in life was well established by the time he went to college at the preeminent Juilliard School in New York. He studied under Dorothy DeLay, notably the instructor of popular violinist

Itzhak Perlman and many others. Ms. DeLay is arguably the most famous violin instructor in the world.

Reiko was a 14-year-old piano prodigy in Japan when she came to the attention of the great Polish pianist Mieczyslaw Horszowski, who was recently retired from the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia. He literally came out of retirement, at age 97, so he could train Reiko, which he did right up until his death at age 101. Reiko graduated from college at age 18 and then attended Juilliard for her



File

Horszowski Trio members Jesse Mills on violin, Rieko Aizawa on piano, and Ole Akahoshi on cello will play at Madison Presbyterian church downtown on Saturday.

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Southwestern holds hearing on teacher contract

BY BOB DEMAREE

A public hearing for a new contract between the Southwestern School Corporation and the Southwestern Teachers Association was held Monday for a proposed one-year deal.

Southwestern Superintendent Jill Mires said the contract will provide an across-the-board increase of \$250 annually on the salary scale, an adjustment that ensures compliance with the statutory requirement of a \$45,000 minimum base salary for full-time teachers. In addition, every returning teacher will advance one step on the salary schedule.

In compensation and fringe benefits, a properly certified teacher who is required by administration

to forego the preparation period to cover a period for another teacher will be compensated at an hourly rate determined by dividing the instructor's daily rate by seven hours.

The contract specifies that paid days off taken immediately before or immediately after a scheduled break will count double. The double day penalty will not apply to an employee chaperoning a field trip sponsored by the school corporation.

There was a section added to the contract titled Assault Leave that provides paid assault leave to a teacher who is injured by a student, parent or patron assault while acting within the scope of employment.

An attendance incentive was updated to include that

approved professional development, bereavement, jury duty, active military leave or days donated to the sick bank do not apply toward absences.

The contract provides that teachers who are retired from any Indiana school corporation who are hired by Southwestern will be paid between \$58,750 and \$61,750 as determined by the superintendent or designee based on the needs of the corporation at the time of hire.

For extra-curricular positions, the speech team position was removed, and positions were added for girls varsity and assistant wrestling coach, boys varsity and assistant volleyball coach, and middle school academic coaches for English, Math,

Science and Social Studies. For music activities, funds were reallocated for seven categories.

There were also language cleanups and timeline clarifications for several sections of the contract.

"We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the association for their thoughtful collaboration, professionalism and commitment throughout this negotiation process," said Mires. "Their partnership has been instrumental in reaching an agreement that supports both our educators and the students they serve."

The school board is scheduled to vote on ratification of the master teacher contract at its meeting at 5 p.m. Monday.

Georgia man charged with exploitation of 10-year-old girl

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Georgia man has been arrested after sharing sexually explicit photographs with a 10-year-old Madison girl.

Jonathan Thomas Leak, 24, of Carrollton, Georgia, has been charged with Child Exploitation with an aggravating factor found, a Level 4 felony.



Jonathan Thomas Leak

age of 10, in which sexually explicit photographs were exchanged.

A warrant for the arrest of Leak was applied for and granted through Jefferson County Circuit Court. MPD then worked with detectives from Carrollton to have Leak taken into custody.

Leak was also charged with additional crimes in Georgia after his communications devices were analyzed by detectives. He is currently incarcerated in Georgia and awaiting extradition to Madison.

MPD was assisted by the Jefferson County Prosecutors Office, the Jefferson County Department of Child Services, and the Carrollton Police Department in Georgia.

The investigation remains ongoing, and additional charges may be filed as further evidence is reviewed.

POLICE REPORTS

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER Lodgings Oct. 20, 2025

Jacob Oren Bruner, 41, Jeffersonville, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation. Bond \$5,000 cash.

Bruce Cecil Courtois, 59, Vevay, Indiana, to serve 10 days jail, consecutive, on a court ordered sentencing. No bond.

Mode William Martin IV, 57, New Albany, Indiana, on a misdemeanor sentence for a court-ordered probation violation. No bond.

Cazden Layne Nott, 23, Madison, to serve 60 days jail, consecutive, on a court-ordered sentence. No bond.

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Christopher Lee Hazelgrove, 38, Madison, on a parole hold warrant. No bond.

Jackson Reece Kruer, 23, Clarksville, Indiana, for Criminal Confinement, a Level 4 felony. No bond.

Matthew K. Lipperd, 32, Versailles, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation. Bond \$5,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT Sentencings Oct. 20, 2025

Callie Maryssa Perkins, 24, Deputy, Indiana, for Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 4 felony. Sentenced to 2,555 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 89 days jail served and 1,095 days suspended to supervised probation.

Westley Dylan Ledbetter, 37, Madison, to amended charges of Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony; and Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony. Sentenced to 12 years at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, on the Level 2 felony, consecutive to 8 years at IDOC on the Level 3 felony, with 5 years suspended to supervised probation and credit for 182 days jail.

Shawn Michael Simmons, 37, North Vernon, Indiana, to an amended charge of Public Intoxication, a Class

B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to 180 days supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Joseph Keith Woodfill, 49, Madison, for Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs, and defendant required to make efforts to obtain a valid driver's license.

Jacob Paul Benton Goins, 19, Madison, for Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 4 days jail served and 176 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Jerry Calixto Diaz, 52, Madison, for Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Ever Receiving a Driver's License, a misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 6 months supervised probation with probation to terminate when defendant obtains a valid driver's license, plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

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Kayden Keller, 23, Madison, for Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 88 days served and 92 days suspended to unsupervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs. Defendant to remain in custody until a separate felony battery/domestic battery case is decided.

Andrew Michael Tankersley, 21, Madison, to an amended charge of Domestic Violence in the Presence of a Child Less Than 16 Years Old, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 100 days jail served and 265 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$439 in fees and court costs.

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Tamara S. Jones (Voriss), 52, Madison, for Dealing in Methamphetamine-1.5 grams, a Level 3 felony. Sentenced to 10 years at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 1,608 days jail served and 2,042 days suspended with first 365 days probation to be served on home detention and probation to run consecutive

to parole violation on separate Dealing in Methamphetamine conviction.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS Jefferson County Oct. 21, 2025

Shelly Perry to Peggy Lacey, Danny Lacey and Kylean Lacey, 5001 West 900 North, Dupont.

Paul David Voris, David C. Voris Trust, Margaret L. Voris Trust For Benefit of Paul David Voris and Emily Beth Flinn to Paul David Voris and Emily Beth Flinn, approximately 191 acres at 4580 South 400 West, Hanover.

John H. Borges, Lisa Borges and Lisa F. Borges to John H. Borges, Lisa F. Borges (trustees) and John H and Lisa F. Borges Living Trust, approximately 9 acres at 8295 North Little Rest Farm Road, Commiskey.

William W. Jacobs to Cedar Cliffs Inc., 2971+ East State Road 56, Madison.

Dorothy Kring to Sharon C. Vandewater, 1900 Van Buren Drive, Madison.

Kelsi Rae Thompson to Audrey D. Logsdon, 38 and 38+ South 1000 West, Lexington.

Hans W. Braun and Madeline C. Braun to ALH Farms LLC, 208 Elm Street, Madison.

Jennifer Constance Morgan to Spencer Tye and Gabrielle Tye, 1000+ State Road 56, Hanover.

Brian Ebert to Madison Farm LLC, 425+ South Zoar Church Road, Madison.

Howard L. Breeden and Howard L. Breeden Revocable Trust to Howard L. Breeden, 620 West First Street, Madison.

Howard L. Breeden to Howard L. Breeden and Sarah T. Wurtz, 620 West First Street, Madison.

Howard L. Breeden and Howard R. Breeden Revocable Trust to Howard L. Breeden, 8020 North US 421, Madison.

Dan J. Stanley to Timothy L. Boldery Jr. and Alexandria Hammock, 212 St. Michael Avenue, Madison

Carlene Maria Folkner to Clayton James Folkner, 2210 Ross Street, Madison.

Ignoring annual fire fees could be costly in Trimble

BY CINDY WARRICK PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Milton Volunteer Fire Department subscription letters should have already arrived and Bedford Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fire Fee Renewal Letters are being mailed this month with owners responsible for annual fire fees on their properties.

If renters have received or do receive the renewal letters, they should be passed on to the landlord.

According to BVFD Chief Will McCoy, the annual fire fees — \$50 per deeded property paid by property owners — remains extremely low. In that event, renters are encouraged to pay the \$50 annual fire fee to protect their property.

Fire fees for residents of Bedford and Milton are paid by the city based on an annual amount roughly equal to the number of residences in those communities. All others are supported by the annual fire fee of \$50 per deeded property and \$100 per business property.

For those who choose not to pay the annual fire fee, homeowners' insurance only covers \$500 of the actual cost to respond to a fire. For those who pay annual fire fees, the cost of the fire response is covered by the fire department.

McCoy said the average cost for fire department services to fight a fire — without a paid annual fee —

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madison-courier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS
Oct. 27
Crystal Anderson
Linda Bailey
Oct. 28
Margie Crenshaw

Oct. 29
Julia Johnson
Heather Padgett
Constance Partington
Oct. 30
Lindsay Holley
Bobby King
Michael Scott
Nov. 1
Kim Eldridge
Nov. 2
Tammy Burress
Garry Chandler
Tammy Doane

ANNIVERSARIES
None

Lotteries

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 8-17-19-30-31-44 (10/22).
Estimated Jackpot: \$4.6 million. Next Drawing (10/25)
Cash Five: 1-5-14-22-42 (10/22)
Cash 4 Life: 4-32-44-47-54 CB: 4 (10/22)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 6-15-16-35 CB: 24 (10/22)

Lucky For Life: 1-20-30-37-46 LB: 1 (10/22)
MEGAMILLIONS: 2-18-27-34-59 MB: 18 (10/21) Next Jackpot: \$680 million. Next Drawing (10/24)
POWERBALL: 18-37-52-54-60 PB: 12, PP 2 (10/22). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$344 million. Next Drawing (10/25)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 23-37-43-60-64 PB: 5 (10/22). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (10/25)

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:59 a.m.
Sunset: 6:52 p.m.
Temperature: High 60, Low 33, Mean 46.5, Deficit 12.5
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, October 2025: 1.45
Precipitation, 2025: 49.28
Barometer 29.98, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 422.04 feet, Steady
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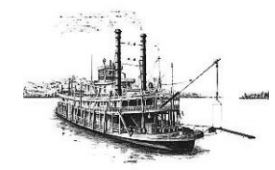
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OBITUARIES

Nina Monique Ann LaPine

Nina Monique Ann LaPine, age 62, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Jan. 21, 1963, in Madison. She was the daughter of the late John LaPine and Delores Ferguson. She attended Madison Consolidated High School and received a GED. On June 17, 1981, she was united in marriage to William Dunn in Colorado Springs, CO. Nina was self-employed housekeeper for many years. She was a member of the ladies auxiliary of Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Nina enjoyed attending the legion, going with her grandkids in the golf cart, and watching NASCAR. Nina died on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, at 11:43 p.m., at her home in Madison, IN.

Nina will be missed by her loving daughters, Chantel Garcia of Columbus, IN, Holly Oak of Madison, IN, Kindra Youngblood of Madi-



son, IN, Mahayla Boshears of Madison, IN; her son-in-law, James Oak of Columbus, IN; her grandchildren, Brookelyn, Danika, Lexy, Caleb, Keilani, Ray, Lennon, and Ayson; her roommate and close friend, Wendell Vest of Madison, IN; her brother, Kenny Holt of Madison, IN; her sisters, Cari LaPine and her companion, Jack of Columbus, IN, Jonetta Tankersley of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and

other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, John LaPine, her mother, Delores Ferguson, her stepmother, Mary Jane Hillard, her brothers, John LaPine and Chad LaPine, and her sister, Martina Caudill.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, at 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, from 5 - 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Centers of America. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Bonnie Taylor May

Bonnie Taylor May, age 98, of Madison, IN, entered this life on June 20, 1927, in Trimble County, KY. She was the loving daughter of the late Paul and Mamie Callis Taylor. She was a graduate of Trimble County High School. On March 5, 1944, she was united in marriage to Carroll Ben "Benny" May in LaGrange, KY. This happy union of 65 years was blessed with four daughters, Sandy, Brenda, Gwen, and Mary, and four sons, Thomas, Gary, Joseph, and Jerry.

She worked for a time at the U.S. Shoe Factory in Vevay, IN, for eight years and enjoyed babysitting her grandchildren. Bonnie was a homemaker, and helped Bennie on the family farm. She was a member of the Lancaster Baptist Church and the Madison Moose Lodge No. 765. She enjoyed reading, cooking, gardening, and being outdoors. Bonnie died on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, at 3:45 p.m., at the



Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, IN.

Bonnie will be missed by her loving sons, Thomas Paul May of Lancaster, IN, Gary Wayne May and his wife, Brenda of Deputy, IN, Joseph May of Lancaster, IN, Jerry May of Lancaster, IN; her loving daughters, Brenda Rowlett and her husband, Joe of Middletown, IN, Gwen Jones and her husband, Peter of Richmond, VA, and Mary May of Madison, IN; 8-grandchildren; 15-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and other

relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Taylor, her mother, Mamie Callis Taylor, her beloved husband of 65 years, Carroll Ben "Benny" May, her daughter, Sandy Hay, her granddaughter, Kimberly Sue Hay, her sister, Edith Adams.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North US 421 near Madison, IN.

Friends may call Friday, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lancaster Baptist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Kierstan Leanne McClain

Kierstan Leanne McClain, age 32, of Madison, IN, entered this life on June 28, 1993, in Franklin, IN. She was the loving daughter of Allen McClain and Francie Streeval Niewedde. Kierstan died on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025, at 12:11 p.m., at the Hosparus Inpatient Unit of Norton Pavilion in Louisville, KY.

Kierstan will be missed by her life partner of 15 years, Charles "Chuck" Whalen, Sr. of Madison, IN; three her daughters, Maylee Whalen of Madison, IN, Kylee Whalen of Madison, IN, Ainzlee Whalen of Madison, IN; her son, Charles "Nugget" Whalen, Jr. of Madison, IN; her father, Allen McClain of Columbus, IN; her sisters, Mahaley Leistner and her husband, Nathan of Rockport, IN, Krisinda Niewedde of Columbus, IN; her

brothers, Keaton McClain of Seymour, IN, Donald Scott Niewedde of Franklin, IN; her special niece and nephews, Makyn Gibson, Savannah McRoberts, and Carson McRoberts; her sister in law, Samantha McRoberts and her husband, Corbin of Comiskey, IN; her father in law, Kenny Whalen of Madison, IN; her aunts, Teresa Randles, Billie Denson and her husband, Kevin, Angie Parker, Pam Lovins and her husband, Brian of Scottsburg, IN, and Jackie Burton all of Edinburgh, IN; her uncles, Michael Niewedde of Seymour, IN, and Charles Niewedde of Hayden, IN; her best friend's who were like sisters, Amea Dean of Madison, IN, Sara Spencer of Evansville, IN; several cousins, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Fran-

cie Streeval Niewedde, her step dad, Dave Niewedde, her grandma, Linda Orff, her cousin, Brandy McClain, and her mother in law, Melissa Whalen.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025, at 7 p.m., by Pastor Liz Broadus at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Saturday, Oct. 25, from 5 - 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kierstan McClain Remembrance Fund for funeral expenses. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Samuel Allen “Sam” Arnwine, 30, of Ordway, CO, and formerly of Switzerland County, IN, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025. a celebration of life will be held at noon on Saturday, Nov. 1, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

John Gregory “Bubba” Cornett, 58, of Scottsburg, IN, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, at his daughters' home in Scottsburg. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at First Christian Church of Scottsburg in Scottsburg, with interment at a later date in the Spurgeon Cemetery near Austin, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Velma Lee Cox Hale, 77, of Lexington, IN, died Monday, Oct 20, 2025. Graveside service was Thursday, Oct. 23, at Lexington Cemetery. Arrangements by Collins Funeral Home in Scottsburg, IN, www.collinsfuneralhome.net. .

Georgia Carolyn Lemaster Louden, 94, of Indianapolis, and formerly of Bedford, KY, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, at Evergreen Crossing in Indianapolis. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Phyllis Jane Wingham Royalty, 88, of Madison, IN, and formerly of Trimble County, KY, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 30, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, with interment in Grandview Memorial Gardens near Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Kenneth “Kenny” E. Satterly, 76, of Milton, KY, died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025. Funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at Prewitt Funeral Home in New Castle, KY, www.prewitts.com.

Irvin Tye Stockdale, 97, of Madison, IN, and formerly of Milton, KY, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, at River Terrace Health Campus in Madison. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at First Baptist Church in Madison. Military honors will be conducted by the Major Samuel Woodfill Madison Post No. 9 American Legion, with interment in Moffett Cemetery, in Milton. Masonic service will be conducted by Union Lodge No. 2 of Madison at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

David Gerald Webster, 78, of Warsaw, KY, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, in Warsaw. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, with interment in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

BUDGET

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Council member Joel Storm was not in attendance and Council member Patrick Thevenow arrived late after the vote had been taken.

“I apologize to the community for not being here to vote on the budget. It was my intention to be here,” said Thevenow, who noted he encountered a large tree on Eagle Hollow Road while “trying to get here and it took awhile to get that out of the way.

“That being said, I appreciate the work that the Mayor and his staff have done to pull back some of the numbers that were in the budget as presented,” Thevenow added. “However, I do not believe it would have gone far enough, and I would not have supported the budget this year. I believe as it stands, the lack of reserves that we have in many funds is going over the next year or two, especially with cutbacks coming from the state, it is going to put us in some dicey financial water. I would have liked to have seen further cutbacks to help to account for that. That being said, I am glad there were no raises for elected officials this year. That was a good example of leadership there.”

The 2026 budget is subject to approval by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF).

Next year’s \$15,931,206 budget is an increase over the \$15,101,347 budget adopted for 2025, the \$14,283,236 budget adopted for 2024 and the \$12,730,981 budget adopted for 2023.

The Council also approved ordinances fixing the salaries of appointed officers and employees for 2026, and for fixing the salaries of elected officials for 2026. Krebs noted that elected officials' salaries did not receive a cost-of-living increase, and will remain the same as this year. Each ordinance passed with identical unanimous 5-0 votes.

TRIO

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graduate degree.

Ole was born and raised in Berlin, Germany. He was the youngest cellist to be accepted as a student of the legendary Pierre Fournier at the age of 11. Later, he continued his studies with Aldo Parisot at the Juilliard School and at the Yale School of Music, and with Janos Starker at Indiana University.

The point of sharing these backgrounds is to drive home the point: these three people are the Tiger Woods, Michael Jordan and Serena Williams of the classical music world. They’ve invested that same kind of training and dedication to their craft, and their level of virtuosity and skill rivals any professional in any field of endeavor. And they are playing in Madison! For free!

As it happens, Jesse and Reiko are husband and wife. They met playing chamber music around the New York City area, and married in 2008. “We chose to make our lives together making music, and we found a willing partner in Ole, filling out the trio,” explains Jesse.

“It’s really important that we maintain equality in our group,” Jesse continues, “with no set hierarchy. In many ways we are as much married to Ole as we are to each other. It’s truly a labor of love.

“A piano trio is a very specific mix of individual expression and teamwork.

Another ordinance for additional appropriations for this year passed by a 5-1 vote with Thevenow casting the no vote after his arrival at the meeting.

The additional appropriations, totaling \$540,074, involved moving funds from other funds within the same departments. “They’re all funded. The money that is being brought in to be spent is sitting in the funds right now. We’re just bringing it forward to spend it,” said Mindy McGee, the city’s director of finance.

In the parks department, the additional appropriations included \$68,300 for leased equipment at Sunrise Golf Course, \$13,000 for seasonal employee salaries at Crystal Beach Aquatic Park, \$4,500 for Rucker Sports Complex and an additional \$2,500 for Sunrise Golf Course. In the general fund, there was a \$63,600 additional appropriation towards the cost for the guards hired to oversee Department of Corrections inmates who conduct work details for the city.

There was \$32,174 needed for an additional appropriation due to an increase in property insurance. Also, \$100,000 for technology due to obsolete computers that need to be replaced, along with new licensing fees. Another additional appropriation was for \$16,000 in the nuisance abatement fund.

There were additional appropriations in two funds for the Madison Regional Airport—one of \$100,000 from a revenue generating fund and another for \$140,000 from a savings fund—that allows that money to be used for the airport’s capital and spending expenditures for the rest of the year.

During public comments, Madison resident Charlie Ferguson criticized Thevenow for his “no” vote on the 1% food and beverage tax ordinance that was adopted by City Council by a 5-1 vote at the Aug. 19 meeting. Ferguson claimed the food and beverage tax will raise an estimated \$4 million for the city over the next five years. “I can’t grasp the idea of turning down \$4 million. It’s almost like

you want the city to fail,” he said of Thevenow’s vote.

In a press release, key 2026 priorities for the city were listed:

- **Main Street Infrastructure Project:** Continued investment in the multi-year reconstruction and pedestrian safety improvements along Main Street, modernizing a key corridor through the historic district.
- **Park Improvements:** Completion of the full Welch Park redesign, adding amenities for all ages, and beginning improvements at the Brown Gym, Rucker Sports Complex and Sunrise Golf Course to better serve Madison’s growing community.
- **Blight Elimination & Neighborhood Revitalization:** Continued efforts to eliminate vacant and abandoned structures, leveraging TIF dollars to fund the PACE Grant Program to help property owners reinvest in their homes and neighborhoods.
- **Infrastructure & Connectivity:** Completion of the West End Gateway and Connector Trail, expanding walkability and connectivity; continued investments in the Madison Railroad, including the transload facility to attract new businesses, and at the Madison Regional Airport, including runway expansion and new hangar development; a continued additional commitment of \$1 million annually for local road and sidewalk improvements.
- **Housing Initiatives:** Ongoing investment in housing development both downtown and on the hilltop, supporting a balanced and sustainable housing market.
- **Public Safety:** Investment in new equipment, updated technology, and enhanced training for first responders.
- **Community Support:** Continued investment in programs and partnerships that support veterans, at-risk youth, active adults and seniors, and participants in the Jefferson County JCAP program, along with increased funding to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter.

A lot is required from each of us in any given moment. You need to be able to change on a dime from lead to accompaniment. But the difficulty keeps us engaged. There’s a camaraderie to doing something so challenging and all consuming.

“The main repertoire of this historic chamber trio music is from the 19th century, so it’s only fitting that we’ll be coming to Madison, which was founded and established in the 1800s, and playing in an historic church from the same era. It’s a chance to see and hear this amazing music as it was intended, in an original setting. It should be a very special performance and I urge everyone to come join us.”

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

I’ve sung the praises of Joe Breeck, owner of Rivertown Grill in the past, but it bears repeating. For sheer commitment and consistency, Rivertown Grill has the most music in Madison, every week from Wednesday through Sunday. You can pop in there any time, there’s never a cover charge, and enjoy a wide range of musical styles. The other consistent venue, albeit only on Saturday nights, is Thomas Family Winery. They’ve been creating their magical mix of great ambiance and live music for more than 25 years now. A relative newcomer on the scene, but we are really happy to have them, is the Friday Jazz nights in the wine bar at Vintage Lanes. The vibe in there is so hip and so friendly, you’ll want to just sit down

and stay all evening. There’s lots more going this weekend, just look at the calendar! So get out there and make the most of your experience in Indiana’s Music City.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd anywhere local live music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE
Friday, Oct. 24

Jordan Wilson
1st Street Saloon — Stoned Gnomes
Vintage Lanes — Live Jazz (7-9 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery — Roman Toast Halloween Party (8 p.m.)
Central Hotel — Jimmy Davis Band (8 p.m.)
Red Bicycle Hall — Joey Harkum with Franny Hall (8 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill — Andrew Palmer (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Vintage Lanes – Live Jazz Music (7-9 p.m.)
Tiki LIVE! — L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Saturday, Oct. 25

Riverboat Inn — Erik Brunner
1st Street Saloon — Hank Haggard & The Tennessee Werewolves
Mad Paddle Brewstillery — Cryptids Band (8 p.m.)
Central Hotel — Crossfire (8 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill — Anthony Ray Wright & Andy Hibbard (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Thomas Family Winery — Connor Dermon (8 p.m.)
VFW – Diamondback Band (8 p.m.-Midnight)
Tiki LIVE! — L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Sunday, Oct. 26

Rivertown Grill — Jake Miller (7-10 p.m.)

IGNORING

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is around \$15,000 per call. That amount, minus the \$500 covered by homeowner’s insurance, is billed to the resident—or about \$14,500 per incident.

McCoy noted that a real-life situation is taking place at this time with nearly the exact costs with a homeowner

who did not pay the \$50 fire fee. If the fire department charges are not paid, a lien can be placed on the property, which must be paid for the property to change hands and BVFD is currently looking into possible criminal charges.

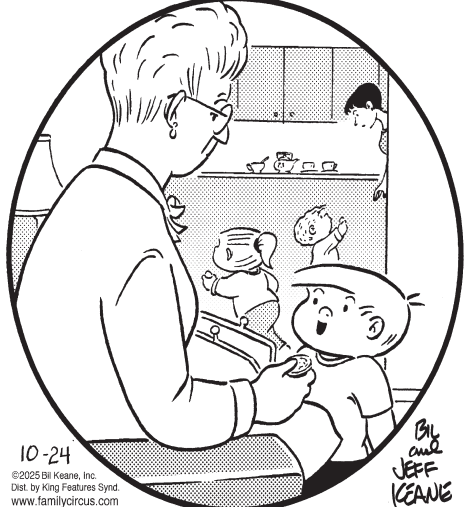
McCoy noted that 82% of the dwellings in Trimble County are privately owned and urges homeowners to “use common sense” in deciding whether to par-

ticipate in paying the annual \$50 fire fee, which provides fire protection at no cost rather than risk having that expense approach the value of their home based on fire fighting costs and property losses.

For property owners with Campbellsburg, Milton or Carroll County addresses, please call your assumed fire department for clarification as to your location for fire renewal fees.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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“Instead of a shiny new quarter, Grandma, do you have a dirty old dollar?”

Bil Keane
JEFF KEANE

DENNIS THE MENACE



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“WHAT DID YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL TODAY?”

“Too Much.”

ARCTIC CIRCLE



WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH ALL THIS INVASIVE SEAWEED?

WE’LL SEND IT WHERE IT BELONGS.

WHAT’S THAT ABOUT?

THE LACK OF PROGRESS, MISTER PRESIDENT.

IT STINKS!

YES.

Climate Action Now

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BIZARRO

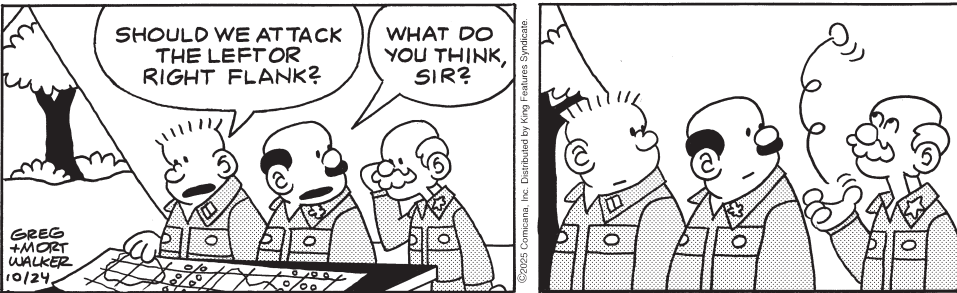


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No, I haven’t heard of Jagger & Richards Transcription and Dictation Services.

THE ROLLING STENOS

BETLE BAILEY



SHOULD WE ATTACK THE LEFT OR RIGHT FLANK?

WHAT DO YOU THINK, SIR?

GREG HORT WALKER
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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



THE OFFICE

You smell sooooo good!

THE DOC TOOK ME OFF CAFFEINE.

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BLONDIE



ANY NEW WORLD SERIES DISHES?

WE’VE ADDED HOMERUN HASH TO LAST YEAR’S GRAND SLAM GUMBO AND CURVEBALL CORN DOGS

ALSO, WE HAVE SHUTOUT SHRIMP AND PINCH-HITTER PASTA!

“BORING!” JUST GIVE ME A DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER

OH BROTHER!

SEE? I TOLD YOU WE’VE SPOILED HIM!

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CURTIS



THE RENT WENT UP AND THESE CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS ARE TOO HIGH!

WE REALLY HAVE TO TIGHTEN OUR BELTS TO SAVE MONEY! I’M WORRIED!

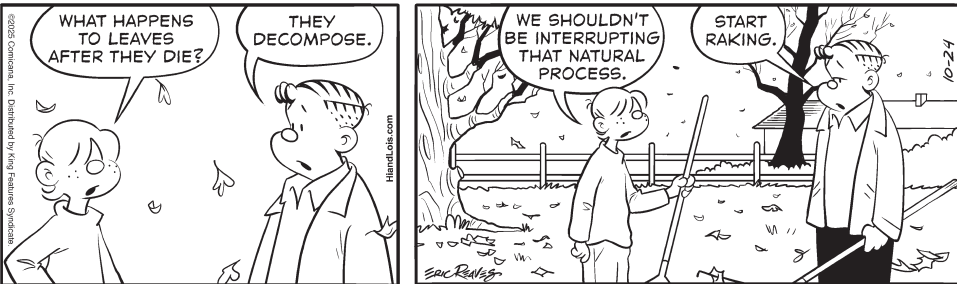
CAN I HAVE MONEY T’ GO SEE “THE EVIL BABY”?

CURTIS, DIDN’T YOU HEAR WHAT I JUST SAID?!

WOULD I ASK IF IT WASN’T REALLY SUPER IMPORTANT?

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HI & LOIS



WHAT HAPPENS TO LEAVES AFTER THEY DIE?

THEY DECOMPOSE.

WE SHOULDN’T BE INTERRUPTING THAT NATURAL PROCESS.

START RAKING.

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PARDON MY PLANET



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F P 1 2
T O Z 3
P E D 4
E D F C 5
T R E C H 6
T R E C H 7
T R E C H 8
T R E C H 9

EIGHT YEARS OF MEDICAL SCHOOL, TWO YEARS OF INTERNSHIP PLUS TWELVE YEARS OF PRIVATE PRACTICE AND I’M FINALLY IN A POSITION TO LET PHARMACEUTICAL KICKBACKS COME BETWEEN OUR DOCTOR/PATIENT RELATIONSHIP.

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ZITS



HOW DO I LOOK?

OLD?

DAD’S MAD ABOUT SOMETHING

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DUMPLINGS



I TOLD YOU NOT TO PUT ME IN THE GAME.

I KNOW.

I TOLD YOU A TIRED JAMIE IS BETTER THAN A FRESH FRANNY.

I KNOW.

I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

WELL... NOT EXACTLY THIS.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



HAMLET, HAS YOUR FATHER FED SNERT?

YES...

IN A WAY...

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SIX CHIX



BARGAINING WITH SLEEP

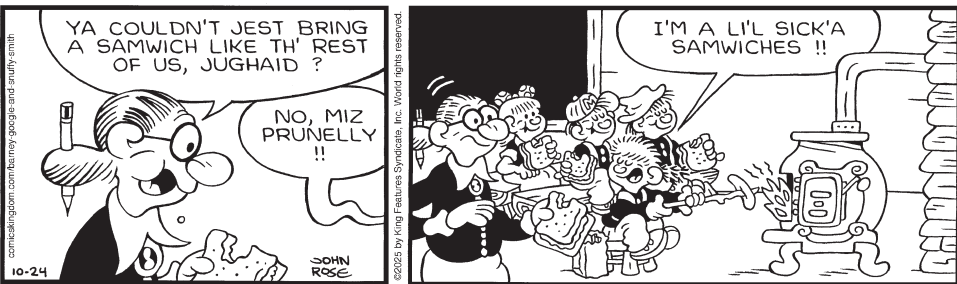
I CAN TOTALLY KEEP TYPING WITH MY EYES CLOSED

I’M NOT SLEEPING,

I’M JUST TREATING MYSELF TO A VERY LONG BLINK

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



YA COULDN’T JEST BRING A SAMWICH LIKE TH’ REST OF US, JUGHAID ?

NO, MIZ PRUNELLY !!

I’M A LI’L SICK’A SAMWICHES !!

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SALLY FORTH



SO, “SPECTACULAR LIAM,” WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE FRIENDS?

I WOULD, “SPECTACULAR BETTINA.”

YOU KNOW, I’M REALLY FEELING THESE NEW NICKNAMES. SHOULD WE START SHOUTING THEM?

NOT... NOT YET.

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DUSTIN



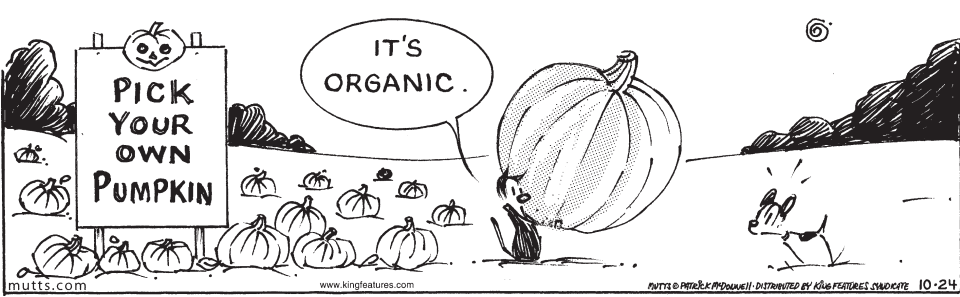
MY WIFE SAYS I NEED TO START SAYING NO TO DONUTS AT THE OFFICE.

DO YOU WANT ME TO TAKE THESE AWAY?

NO.

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MUTTS



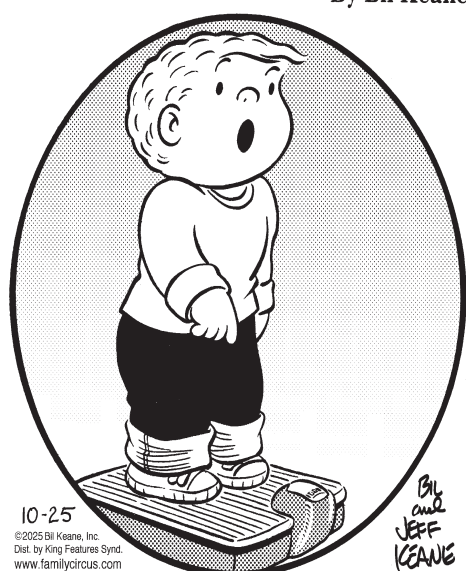
PICK YOUR OWN PUMPKIN

IT’S ORGANIC.

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“Mommy, what time are my feet?”

Bil and Jeff Keane

DENNIS THE MENACE



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“I THOUGHT YOU KNEW WHEN I ASK FOR WATER...IT ALSO MEANS WITH A BENDY STRAW.”

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ARCTIC CIRCLE



LOOK AT THIS SOLAR-POWERED HOTEL IN ENGLAND.

THIS WIND-POWERED HOTEL IS CLOSER TO HOME.

NOT ANYMORE.

Windy Ridge HOTEL vacancies

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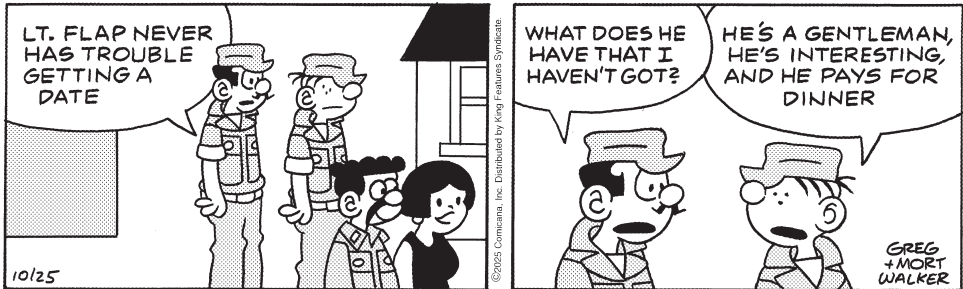
BIZARRO



All right, dad. I'll tell my friends to quit calling you a doomsday prepper.

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BEETLE BAILEY



LT. FLAP NEVER HAS TROUBLE GETTING A DATE

WHAT DOES HE HAVE THAT I HAVEN'T GOT?

HE'S A GENTLEMAN, HE'S INTERESTING, AND HE PAYS FOR DINNER

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GREG + MORT WALKER

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



THE BAD PART OF TOWN

Ugh! What the Shuck!

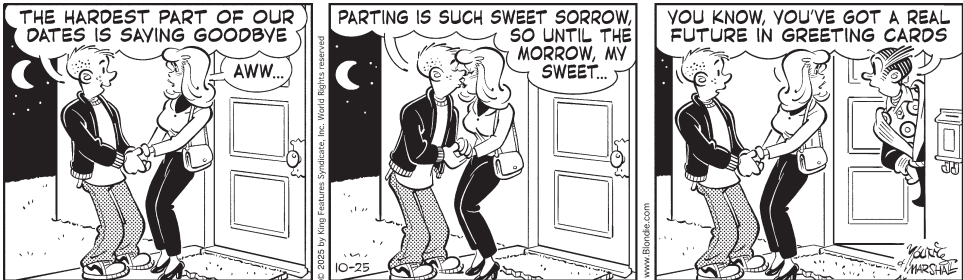
DON'T SAY A WORD. JUST HAND OVER THE CLAMS.

ATM

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Piccolo

BLONDIE



THE HARDEST PART OF OUR DATES IS SAYING GOODBYE

AWW...

PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW, SO UNTIL THE MORROW, MY SWEET...

YOU KNOW, YOU'VE GOT A REAL FUTURE IN GREETING CARDS

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CURTIS



BARRY DESERVES A RIB-SHAKING PADDLIN'!!

HE PUT HIS DIRTY FINGERS ALL OVER MY DEADPOOL AND WOWERINE COMIC-CON EXCLUSIVES!

YOU DON'T KNOW THE TROUBLE I HADDA GO THROUGH TO WIN THE BID ONLINE!

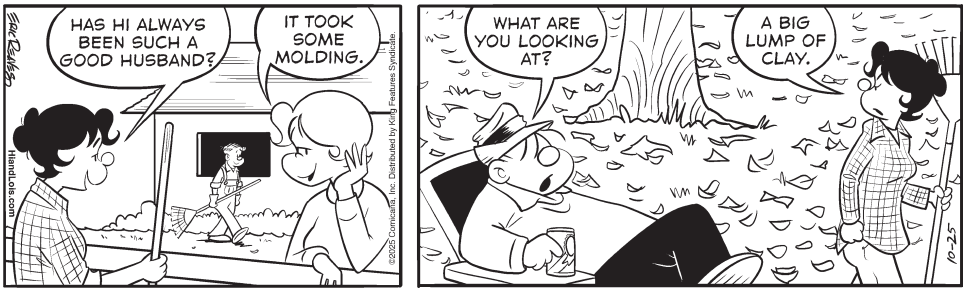
SAY... DON'T YOU NEED A CREDIT CARD TO BID ONLINE?!

ZIP!

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HI & LOIS



HAS HI ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A GOOD HUSBAND?

IT TOOK SOME MOLDING.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

A BIG LUMP OF CLAY.

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PARDON MY PLANET



YEAH, I DO REALIZE THAT NORRIS TREATS OUR RELATIONSHIP AS A BUSINESS WHERE HE'S THE CEO, CFO AND TREASURER. THAT'S JUST FINE WITH ME - AS LONG AS I'M IN ACQUISITIONS.

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ZITS



THE DOC SAID THAT MY BLOOD PRESSURE IS UP

MAYBE YOU NEED MORE EXERCISE

EVERYBODY KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR PIERCE'S TARANTULA!

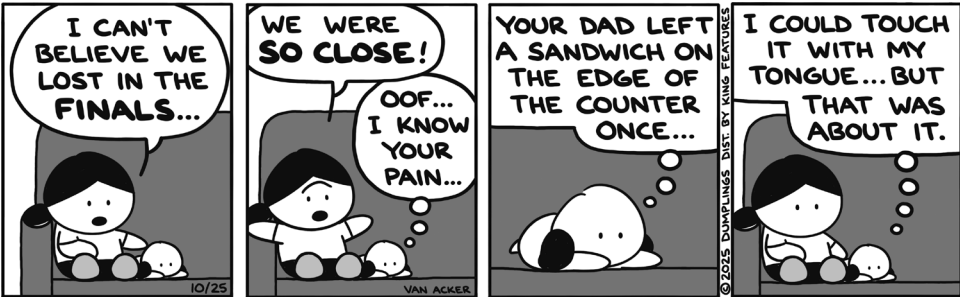
OR LESS TEENAGER.

I WONDER IF THAT WOULD CURE MY NECK PAIN.

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DUMPLINGS



I CAN'T BELIEVE WE LOST IN THE FINALS...

WE WERE SO CLOSE!

OOF... I KNOW YOUR PAIN...

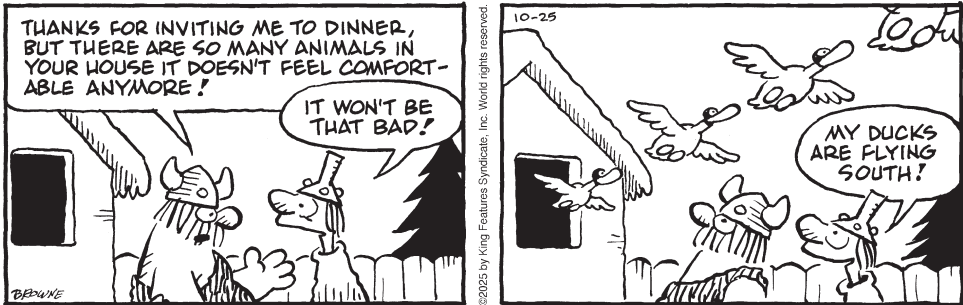
YOUR DAD LEFT A SANDWICH ON THE EDGE OF THE COUNTER ONCE...

I COULD TOUCH IT WITH MY TONGUE... BUT THAT WAS ABOUT IT.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



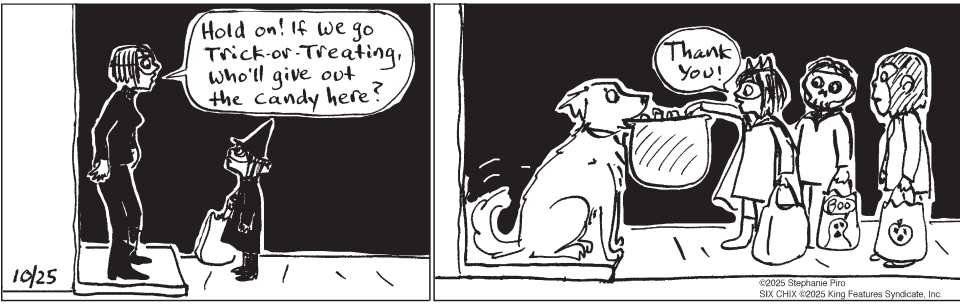
THANKS FOR INVITING ME TO DINNER, BUT THERE ARE SO MANY ANIMALS IN YOUR HOUSE IT DOESN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE ANYMORE!

IT WON'T BE THAT BAD!

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SIX CHIX



Hold on! If we go Trick-or-Treating, who'll give out the candy here?

Thank you!

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



WELL...MY BANDMATES DID WARN ME...

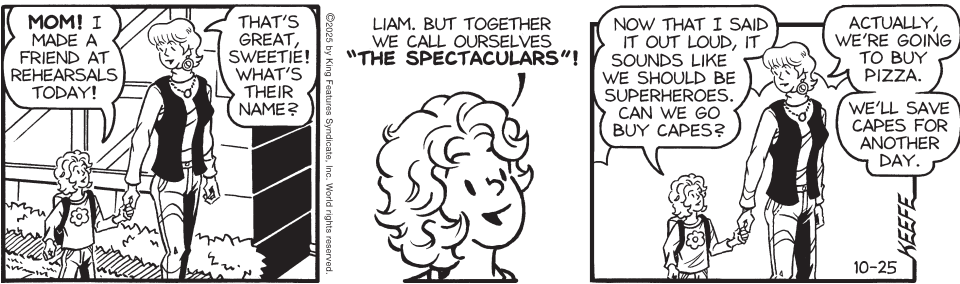
THAT HOOTIN' HOLLER MAY NOT BE TH' BEST PLACE T'DO A LI'L BUSKIN' !!

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SALLY FORTH



MOM! I MADE A FRIEND AT REHEARSALS TODAY!

THAT'S GREAT, SWEETIE! WHAT'S THEIR NAME?

LIAM. BUT TOGETHER WE CALL OURSELVES "THE SPECTACULARS"!

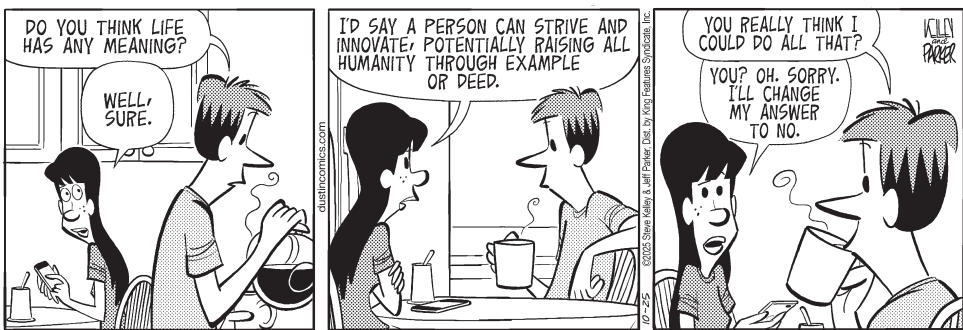
NOW THAT I SAID IT OUT LOUD, IT SOUNDS LIKE WE SHOULD BE SUPERHEROES. CAN WE GO BUY CAPES?

ACTUALLY, WE'RE GOING TO BUY PIZZA. WE'LL SAVE CAPES FOR ANOTHER DAY.

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DUSTIN



DO YOU THINK LIFE HAS ANY MEANING?

WELL, SURE.

I'D SAY A PERSON CAN STRIVE AND INNOVATE, POTENTIALLY RAISING ALL HUMANITY THROUGH EXAMPLE OR DEED.

YOU REALLY THINK I COULD DO ALL THAT?

YOU? OH, SORRY. I'LL CHANGE MY ANSWER TO NO.

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MUTTS



I'VE SEEN THIS GUY BEFORE

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Spooktacular



Bob Demaree

Scout Odom (right), program specialist for Girls Inc., helps Ella Alcocer of Hanover with a game during last Saturday's Hanover Parks Department Spooktacular at the Hanover Community Park.



Bob Demaree

Nova Adams (left) of Hanover receives directions on the bean bag toss game from Shelly Anderson Hamilton during last Saturday's Hanover Parks Department Spooktacular.



Bob Demaree

Holland Gordon reaches for candy, helped by Mikayla Law of Madison, during last Saturday's Hanover Parks Department Spooktacular. At left is Helen Bertsch, volunteer chairperson of Madison's American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Out of the Darkness Walk.

BPWS OKs \$50K PACE grant for Central Hotel

BY BOB DEMAREE

A total of \$50,000 in PACE grants were approved for the Central Hotel and Tavern at Monday's Board of Public Works and Safety meeting as dilapidated structures grants for four addresses of the business owned since 2021 by Jimmy Davis and Bill Rason.

At last month's PACE review committee meeting, two of the Central Hotel and Tavern's addresses — 301 Mulberry Street and 115 East Second Street — scored high enough to achieve

recommendation for PACE funding while two others — 305 Mulberry Street and 307 Mulberry Street — did not score high enough.

That resulted in the \$50,000 total PACE award — \$25,000 for each of the two addresses that met scoring requirements. However, Brenna Haley, the city's preservationist, said since that time because of how the four properties are interconnected, the project is being redeveloped under an overarching Central Hotel project with plans to submit an application for a second phase in hopes of obtaining approval for more PACE funding.

Nicole Schell, the city's director of planning, said, "The PACE committee was comfortable with giving them two \$25,000 grants but the scope of work" for the Central Hotel is "intertwined which is confusing because they're wanting to work on the exterior end which will include some structural issues, so we didn't want to hold them up by making them come back to PACE for all four, and that's why

we've proposed it as Central Hotel as an umbrella for the four properties ... It's going to be all four properties working in a phased approach."

There was also a \$25,000 dilapidated structure PACE grant approved for 307 West Street, damaged in May when Fizz'z Bike Shop at 311 West Street caught fire. BPWS approval was given contingent on more detailed information on the plans for the facade of the structure. Mayor Bob Courtney asked for "clarification of what the facade will look like" and from the application "we can't tell. We've had issues in there being ambiguity with what the facade will look like ... There is not a whole lot of description on the facade and it's one of the most important elements of the application."

Over the years, the building has had several uses including Demaree Buick in the 1950s, the 307 Saloon and Eating Establishment in the 1970s and 1980s, and from 2000-2017 it was home to West Street Ministries.

A PACE application was also approved for a \$25,000 dilapidated structure grant for a house at 1126 West Second Street, a project being done by McGillan Holdings LLC. "This is the same owner who redeveloped the Victoria Inn, and did phenomenal work there, so I'm really grateful for more investment" that's being done, said Courtney.

In other business, the BPWS:

- Approved an amendment for professional services for the city's transfer station operations (TSO) rehabilitation between Jacobici,

Toombs and Lanz LLC and the city. Chris Hale, director of streets, facilities and solid waste, said the agreement initially covered up to construction services but now will also cover additional required survey work, certification of structural analysis of roof over recycling compactor and sign inspections. Compensation will increase by up to \$24,000, bringing the overall amount up to \$74,000. Hale said the project is progressing well "on budget and on time."

- Approved parking space closures for Pakalana's Poke Wagon for spaces in front of the Ohio Theatre Oct. 24-25 during the Horror at the Ohio event and in front House of Jane Nov. 7-8 during MadHop Music Festival, and a parking space closure for DonutNV Food Truck Nov. 14 in front of James Dell clothing store during Holiday Open House. Also, approved the closure of Mill Street between First and Second streets Sunday, Oct. 26 for the annual block party hosted by Rusty Bladen.

- Approved final PACE award for 308 Elm Street, owned by Emily Schafer for demolition of the structure that caught fire — a \$10,000 dangerous building grant in which midpoint award had been given, now receiving the other \$5,000. Final rehabilitation grant of \$7,500 was awarded for 403 West Second Street, owned by Debra Holt. Also, final rehabilitation awards of \$3,750 each were given to Pettit Properties for 723 and 725 West Third Street. Both had received \$7,500 rehabilitation grants in which midpoint awards had been received.

VET

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Students receive hands-on training in animal care, laboratory procedures, anesthesia, radiology and surgical nursing. The program combines classroom instruction with clinical experiences that develop both technical and compassionate care skills — ensuring graduates are ready to serve in veterinary clinics, animal hospitals and shelter environments."

Dr. Christina Tran had been hired in January of 2024 as Hanover College's founding dean for School of Veterinary Medicine and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program. Ashley said the dean's position ends effective Oct. 31, which was when Tran's contract was schedule to expire. "She's also been very involved this, and knew this was going to happen if it didn't go forward. There's no bad blood. There's no problem. We'd love to engage

with her again if we move forward," said Ashley, adding he doesn't know what the timeline for that might be, depending on when and if the accreditation landscape improves.

Earlier this year, because of delays in the development of the veterinary school, Hanover's remaining READI 1.0 funds were transferred to New Albany's Padgett District Development Project in order to meet deadlines for spending those funds that were derived from American Rescue Plan funds that must be spent by the end of 2026. The Padgett project had been awarded \$5 million in READI 2.0 funds, financed through the State of Indiana, and those funds were redirected to the Hanover College's veterinary school, providing additional time that turned out to still not be enough.

Hanover had spent \$515,179.36 of its \$5.9 million on developing plans for the veterinary school facilities, leaving \$5,384,820.64 that went to the Padgett District

Development Project.

Kevin Kellems, Jefferson County's representative on Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority board of directors, said that if Hanover College is unable to use that READI money for the veterinary school in a timely fashion, it goes back to the region board to consider how it will be spent in the region.

Kellems remains hopeful that eventually the veterinary school will become a reality at Hanover College. With timelines meaning that current READI funding will no longer be available for the veterinary school if it does move forward in the future, he said "they would have to come back for other monies from a variety of sources."

Kellems said he thinks Hanover College leaders should keep pursuing the idea of a veterinary school for its potential impact on the college and the region. "I'm not willing to give up on that idea. It's too big for the region. I really think they should keep going."

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Sports

HANOVER ROUNDUP: Men's soccer loses battle of unbeatens

Transy pulls out 2-1 win

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover men's soccer lost 2-1 to Transylvania at home on Wednesday in a matchup of Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference unbeatens.

Hanover scored first when Patricio Campos connected off an assist by Andrew Pavlisko in the 13th minute. Transylvania (11-2-2, 7-0 Heartland) tied the game on a goal by McKay Wheatley seven minutes later and took the lead on a goal by Stone Work in the 34th minute.

Both teams had chances in the second half but neither broke through with Transy holding on for the 2-1 win.

Shots were few and hard to come by with Transylvania holding an 8-3 overall advantage including 6-3 on goal. Hanover had more corner kicks, 3-2, and

Transy got whistled more, 12-10.

Hanover goalie Rodrigo Gutierrez Olvera Gonzalez had four saves while Transylvania keeper Jackson Holt stopped two.

Hanover, now 11-4-2 overall, 6-1 HCAC, travels to Earlham on Saturday and closes the regular season at home against Anderson on Wednesday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER DRAWS 0-0

Hanover women's soccer finished in a scoreless draw with Transylvania Wednesday on the road.

Hanover held a 9-3 advantage in overall shots and 3-2 on goal while corner kicks were even at 4-4.

Panthers goalie Emma Patterson had two saves in the clean sheet.

Hanover, now 6-6-3 overall, 4-2-1 HCAC, travels to Earlham

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David Campbell

Hanover's Alex Farias (19) tracks down Transylvania's Leo Bill (3) during the Panthers' 2-1 loss at home on Wednesday.



Uncredited

This combo of images shows, from left, Portland Trail Blazers head coach Chauncey Billups, Miami Heat guard Terry Rozier and former Cleveland Cavaliers' Damon Jones.

NBA coach, player charged in betting, poker schemes

BY ALANNA DURKIN RICHER, TIM REYNOLDS AND PHILIP MARCELO ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The head coach of the Portland Trail Blazers and a player for the Miami Heat were arrested Thursday along with more than 30 other people in two criminal cases alleging sprawling separate schemes to rake in millions by rigging sports bets and poker games involving Mafia families, authorities said.

Portland coach Chauncey Billups was charged with participating in a conspiracy to fix high-stakes card games in Las Vegas, Miami, Manhattan and the Hamptons that were backed by La Cosa Nostra Crime families. Heat guard Terry Rozier was accused in a second scheme to concoct fraudulent bets by exploiting confidential information about NBA athletes and teams.

The indictments unsealed in New York create a massive cloud for the NBA — which opened its season this week — and show how certain types of wagers are vulnerable to massive fraud in the growing, multi-billion-dollar legal sports-betting industry. “My message to the defendants who’ve been rounded up today is this: Your winning streak has ended,” said Joseph Nocella, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York. “Your luck has run out.”

BILLUPS AND ROZIER EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR FIRST COURT APPEARANCES

Both men face money laundering and wire fraud conspiracy charges and were expected to make initial court appearances later Thursday. Also arrested was former NBA assistant coach and player Damon Jones, who is charged with participating in both schemes.

Nocella called it “one of the most brazen sports corruption schemes since online sports betting became widely legalized in the United States.”

“The fraud is mind boggling,” FBI Director Kash Patel told reporters. “We’re talking about tens of millions of dollars in fraud and theft and robbery across a multi-year investigation.”

Billups, who was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame last year, and Rozier

have been placed on leave from their teams, according to the NBA. The league said it is cooperating with authorities.

“We take these allegations with the utmost seriousness, and the integrity of our game remains our top priority,” the NBA said in a statement.

A message seeking comment was left Thursday morning with Billups. Rozier's lawyer, Jim Trusty, said in a statement that his client is “not a gambler” and “looks forward to winning this fight.” Trusty said the FBI had previously said his client was not a target in the probe.

But at 6 a.m. “they called to tell me FBI agents were trying to arrest him in a hotel,” Trusty said. “It is unfortunate that instead of allowing him to self-surrender they opted for a photo op. They wanted the misplaced glory of embarrassing a professional athlete with a perp walk. That tells you a lot about the motivations in this case.”

MAFIA FAMILIES PROFITED OFF GAMBLING SCHEME, OFFICIALS SAY

The poker scheme cheated at least \$7 million out of unsuspecting gamblers who were lured into rigged games with the chance to compete against former professional basketball players like Billups and Jones. The games were rigged using sophisticated cheating technology, such as altered card-shuffling machines, hidden cameras in poker chip trays, special sunglasses and even X-ray equipment built into the table to read the cards of unsuspecting players.

Once the targeted victims — known as “fish” — lost, the mafia used extortion and violence to make sure they paid their gambling debts, Nocella said.

The rigged poker scheme often made use of preexisting illegal poker games run by New York crime families that required them to share a portion of their proceeds with the Gambino, Genovese and Bonnano families, according to court papers. Members of those families, in turn, also helped commit violent acts, including assault, extortion and robbery, to ensure repayment of debts and the continued success

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Sarratt, Cooper Jr. headline receiving corps that has No. 2 Indiana soaring

BY MICHAEL MAROT ASSOCIATED PRESS

Elijah Sarratt came to Indiana to show he could excel against the nation's top secondaries. Omar Cooper Jr. stuck around his home state, hoping to get the same opportunity.

Now, under the brightest spotlight, both are outperforming expectations.

Seven games into their second season together, the Hoosiers top two receivers find themselves ranked among the Football Bowl Subdivision's statistical leaders, increasingly becoming the targets of defensive game plans and leading an emerging group of playmakers as No. 2 Indiana chases a second straight playoff bid.

Sarratt saw the possibilities early on.

"There's a lot of talent in that (receivers) room," he said in September. "We work to make each other better. We all want to catch every single pass, but we understand that the ball has to be spread around, so none of us are selfish. All of us just want to go out there and perform in the game."

So far, they've fulfilled that mission.

Indiana (7-0, 4-0 Big Ten) heads into Saturday's game



Lydia Ely

Indiana wide receiver Elijah Sarratt (13) attempts to break a tackle by Oregon defensive back Brandon Finney, bottom, during the second half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025, in Eugene, Ore.

against UCLA hoping to extend a school record home winning streak to 14 games and maintain at least a share of the conference lead with defending national champion Ohio State. The Hoosiers are averaging 271.3 yards passing per game and have the most TD passes (24) in the FBS.

Sarratt is the steady, experienced leader of this versatile receiving group.

He's been an all-conference selection each of his first three college seasons despite stair-stepping his way from St. Francis (Pennsylvania) in the FCS' Northeast Conference to Sun Belt member James Madison and finally following

coach Curt Cignetti to the Big Ten.

Along the way, he's amassed 220 catches, 3,450 yards and 38 TDs, ranking in the top five nationally among active players in all three categories. It's about more than numbers with Sarratt though.

His ideal size, 6-foot-2, 213 pounds, and rare combination of strong hands, incredible body control and penchant for big plays almost certainly has NFL scouts watching. Two of Sarratt's FBS-leading nine TD catches — a 49-yarder with 88 seconds left at Iowa and an 8-yarder with 6:23 left at then-No. 3 Oregon — were the go-ahead scores.

Back in Indiana, meanwhile, Sarratt also has caught the attention of new quarterback Fernando Mendoza, who is firmly in the Heisman Trophy debate with 21 TD passes, only two interceptions and the nation's top efficiency rating at 191.01.

But Mendoza and Sarratt each acknowledged they couldn't do this by themselves.

"We've got a special core on our offense," Mendoza said Saturday. "Surratt, Cooper, Williams, all of our tight ends, all of our offensive linemen, running backs, coupled with the game planning of coach Cignetti and (quarterbacks/co-offensive coordinator) coach Chandler Whitmer, it really has been a perfect marriage and we're seeing the results."

While Sarratt was the known quantity entering this season, Cooper has been the breakout star. After logging 46 catches, 861 yards and nine TDs in his first three seasons with the Hoosiers, he's logged 37 receptions, 581 yards and seven TD catches this year, emerging as a deep threat out of the slot after winning the job this spring.

His emergence has helped open the rest of the field for Sarratt, which is precisely what

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Trimble, Carroll close out volleyball seasons

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Trimble County and Carroll County volleyball opened 31st District tournament play Monday at Gallatin County with the Raiders ousting the Panthers 3-0 in the quarterfinals.

Trimble rolled over Carroll 25-15 and 25-14 before the Panthers put up more of a fight in the third set before falling 25-20.

The Raiders then played second-seeded Henry County, which along with top-seeded Eminence had earned a bye into the semifinals, and lost 3-1 to also end their season.

Henry rolled 25-13 in the first two sets before Trimble battled back to delay elimination 25-23 in set three. The Ladycats then closed out the match 25-16 in the fourth set.

Henry advanced to play Eminence in Wednesday night's championship game with the Warriors sweeping their in-county rival 3-0

Eminence (24-1) defeated the Ladycats 25-16, 25-20, 25-14 to avenge a loss to Henry County (19-10) in the 2024 district championship match.

The Warriors had eliminated Owen County 25-6, 25-15, 25-4 in the semifinals after the Rebels (15-12) had outlasted Gallatin County (7-18) in a 25-17, 25-19, 18-25, 19-25, 15-7 marathon in Monday's other quarterfinal.

The Warriors and Ladycats move on to next week's 8th Region Tourney along with North Oldham and defending



Abby Hooven

Trimble County's Kendra Mahoney (30) attacks in the middle as teammate Anslie Stark (25) prepares to dig a potential Henry County block. The Raiders lost 3-1 in Tuesday's 31st District tourney semifinals after defeating Carroll County 3-0 in the Monday's quarterfinals.

regional champion Oldham County from District 29, Collins and Spencer County from District 30, and Simon Kenton and Grant County from District 32.

Carroll and Trimble both had players named to the all-tourney team.

Trimble was represented by seniors Anna Brierly and Kendra Mahoney while Carroll was represented by senior Josie Dale.

Carroll County closes out the season with a 4-19 record while Trimble ended



Abby Hooven

Kendra Mahoney and Emery Pierce (12) celebrate after Trimble County won the third set 25-23 Tuesday to extend their 31st District Volleyball Tournament semifinal match with Henry County. The comback was short-lived as the Ladycats won the fourth set to close out the win 3-1.

at 14-20.

The Panthers graduate two seniors — Josie Dale and Kaylee Snow — but return 10 juniors.

The Raiders lose eight seniors — Giorgia Avena, Anna Brierly, Ellie Consley, Chloe Ginn, Emma Heaton, Mika Jett, Morgan Stark and Bella Stewart.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCT. 24 FOOTBALL

Madison hosts Owen Valley, IHSAA Class 3A Sectional, 7 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts Salem, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. hosts Lloyd Memorial, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Brossart, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25 CROSS COUNTRY

Madison, Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., IHSAA Regional at Shelbyville, 9:30 a.m.

FOOTBALL

Hanover hosts Manchester, 1:30

SOCCER

Hanover women at Earlham, 1 p.m.
Hanover men at Earlham, 3:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Hanover hosts Bluffton, 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Hanover at Rose-Hulman, 2 p.m.
Southwestern girls vs. Eastern (Pekin), IHSAA Class 2A Regional at Charlestown, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 27

No local events

TUESDAY, OCT. 28 SOCCER

Hanover women at Anderson, 7 p.m.

Purdue’s Smith, Texas Tech’s Toppin named unanimous AP picks

BY JOHN MARSHALL
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Braden Smith played with Zach Edey in the 2024 national championship game and followed his large footsteps by becoming an All-American last season.

The Purdue guard had a chance to leave for the NBA over the summer, but, like Edey before him, decided to return for another chance at a national championship under coach Matt Painter.

Smith's decision earned him another similarity to Edey: unanimous preseason All-American.

Smith earned all 57 votes from a media panel in The Associated Press preseason All-America team released on Monday, a week after the Boilermakers were voted preseason No. 1 in the AP Top 25 for the first time. He was joined on a big man-heavy first team by Texas Tech's JT Toppin (52 votes), Michigan's Yaxel Lendeborg (30), BYU freshman AJ Dybantsa (22) and Florida forward Alex Condon (16).

“That’s just how Purdue has always been, how every player has always been,” Smith said. “Paint recruits players, recruits the same people and that’s how they think, how we think. We always want to be



Eric Gay/AP Photo

Florida's Alex Condon dunks the ball against Houston during the second half in the national championship at the Final Four of the NCAA college basketball tournament, Monday, April 7, in San Antonio.

a part of a program like this, a culture like this.”

Smith has been one of the nation's most productive guards since his freshman season at Purdue in 2022-23. The heady 6-foot guard played a key role on the Boilermakers' first run to the national title game in 2024, averaging 12 points, 7.5 assists, 5.8 rebounds and 1.6 steals per game while setting a school record for minutes.

Smith was even better as a junior

last season, becoming the first player in NCAA history to have at least 550 points, 300 assists, 150 rebounds and 75 steals in a season. Smith averaged 15.8 points, 8.7 assists, 4.5 rebounds and 2.2 steals per game on a team that reached the Sweet 16.

TOPPIN'S IMPACT

Toppin had a superb first season at Texas Tech after transferring from New Mexico.

The 6-foot-9 forward averaged 18.2 points, 9.4 rebounds and 1.5 blocks while leading the Red Raiders to the Elite Eight, where they lost to eventual national champion Florida. Toppin was a second-team AP All-American and the Big 12 player of the year before opting to return to a team ranked No. 10 in the AP preseason poll.

LANDING LENDEBORG

Lendeborg had a successful stint at UAB, helping lead the Blazers to the 2024 NCAA Tournament. After testing the NBA waters, the 6-9 forward decided he wanted a chance to reach the Final Four, so he stayed in college and transferred to Michigan.

The addition of Lendeborg helped the Wolverines earn a No. 7 ranking in the preseason poll after reaching the Sweet 16 a year ago.

Last season, Lendeborg joined Indiana State's Larry Bird as the only players to have 600 points, 400 rebounds and 150 assists in a season. He averaged 15.8 points and 11 rebounds per game in two seasons at UAB, earning American Conference defensive player of the year honors both years.

AJ ARRIVES

BYU took a big step in its first

season under coach Kevin Young last season by reaching the Sweet 16.

The No. 8 Cougars have even higher expectations this season after landing Dybantsa.

The nation's No. 1 recruit had nearly every major program jockeying for his services but chose to play in Provo. The athletic 6-9 forward is an efficient scorer who finishes strong at the rim, has a good midrange game and is a superb defender — attributes that have him projected as a potential No. 1 overall NBA draft pick.

CONDON RETURNS

Condon announced he was heading to the NBA draft after Florida's national championship last season before changing his mind.

The 6-11 Australian averaged 10.6 points and 7.5 rebounds per game while leading the Gators with 49 blocked shots. Condon was superb in the national title game against Houston, finishing with 12 points, seven rebounds and four steals, diving for a loose ball in the closing seconds of the 65-63 win.

Condon returned for a chance to lead the Gators to consecutive national titles and helped them earn a No. 3 ranking in the AP preseason poll.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

— Several local athletes were named to the All-Ohio River Valley Conference Volleyball Team in voting by league coaches.

Southwestern's Hillarie Buchanan, Jenna Owens and Rorie Scroggins, and Switzerland County's Addy Preston were voted to the team. The rest of the team is: Jac-Cen-Del — Brooklyn Simon, Brynlie Simon and Molli Weber; Milan — Caroline McMillan, Josie Priefogle and Emma Voss; Rising Sun — Liv Graver, Reese Merica, Jaylen Peelman and Ryan Works; and South Ripley's Kaidyn Gilpin, Kaiya Rinear and Claire Samples.

Milan's Tryniti Reed and Rising Sun's Reese Merica were voted Co-Mental Attitude Award winners and Milan's April Poole was named Coach of the Year.

• Several local athletes were named to the All-Ohio River Valley Conference Girls Soccer Team in voting by league coaches.

Switzerland County's Adalyn Archer, Ashlyn Jesop, Taylor Kappes, Emma Parsons, Lauren Smith, Emma South and Madison Spilman, Shawe's Jenna Flint, Justice Kuntz, Maria Amico-Mendoza and Katie Thevenow, and Southwestern's Harlee Turner were named to the team.

Southwestern's Emma

Hatton was voted the Mental Attitude Award winner and Switzerland County's David Todd was voted Coach of the Year.

The rest of the team is: Milan — Brooklyn Bledsoe, Cassidy Derico and Kayla Roell; Rising Sun — Maggie Mossburger and Erin Russell; and South Ripley — Zoe Clowers, Emma Justus, Madison Melton and Lakota Mohr.

• Several local athletes were named to the All-Ohio River Valley Conference Boys Soccer Team in voting by league coaches.

Southwestern's Elliott Brooks, Connor Johnson, Julio Moreno and Caden Ream, Shawe's Leo Garcia, Martin Gomez, Gus Grote and Rodrigo Reyes-Miranda, and Switzerland County's Isaiah Dayadharum, Grant Hall, Austin Johns and Nate Williams were named to the team.

Switzerland County's Cale Collier was named the Mental Attitude Award winner and Rising Sun's Robert Kelnhofer was named Coach of the Year.

Other members of the team were: Jac-Cen-Del — Parker Pindell and Connor Yeggy; Milan — Tommy Poole and Nick Voss; Rising Sun — Weston Cumberworth and D.J. Williams; and South Ripley — Thomas Eaglin and Bryson Sipples.

• Several girls soccer players from Switzerland

County were honored by the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association's District 3.

Emma Parsons was named Second Team All-District. Addi Deck, Lainie McAlister, Natalie Wetzell, Paige Earls, Kaylynn Schaefer and Emma South were named to the Academic All-State Team and the coaching staff received recognition through the District 4 Small School Coach of the Year award.

• Carroll County goalkeeper Chris Perez was named to the Boys 8th Region Soccer All-Tournament team while girls player Makayla Keithley was named to the Girls 8th Region Soccer All-Tournament Team.

The Panthers and Lady Panther advanced to the regional at 31st District champions but lost in their regional openers.

Carroll County's boys also had four players named to the 31st District all-tourney team including Gerson Medina, Cesar Castillo, JT Davis and Gama Maldonado.

Carroll County's girls had four players named to the district tourney all-tourney team including Brinley Couch, Kait Maiden, Ava Morris and Joceline Rodriguez.

The regional wraps up the soccer season at Carroll County where the boys were 14-4-0 and the girls were 7-9-1.

Indiana State coach Graves is taking a leave of absence after triple bypass surgery

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Indiana State coach Matthew Graves is taking a leave of absence after having triple heart bypass surgery Monday, the athletic department announced. Associate head coach Mark Slessinger will replace Graves until he returns.

The Sycamores did not say when they expect Graves, 50, back on the bench.

Graves recently visited a hospital in Terre Haute for an evaluation after experiencing tightness in his chest and doctors determined he needed surgery.

“I’m truly grateful for the incredible doctors at Union Health for helping my family and me through this process,” Graves said in a statement. “I look forward to rejoining the program in the near future. With coach Slessinger’s experience as a former head coach, I have complete confidence in his leadership during my absence. Can’t wait to see everyone back in the Hulman Center, Go Sycamores!”

Graves is in his second season at Indiana State. The former Butler guard went 14-18 in his first season with the Sycamores.

He went 65-96 in five

seasons with Alabama before returning to his home state as an assistant coach at Evansville in 2018. Graves was on Xavier's staff for two seasons, then joined the Sycamores as assistant head coach from 2021-24 before being promoted to head coach.

Slessinger spent the previous 13 seasons as head coach at New Orleans, where he went 171-222 and led the Privateers to four postseason tournament appearances.

Indiana State faces Butler, where Graves was a longtime assistant, in an exhibition game Oct. 29. It opens the season Nov. 3 at Charlotte.

The Tax Trap: How Social Security Can Trigger Higher Taxes Without Proper Planning



Layin’ it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
Wealth Management

The Tax Trap: How Social Security Can Trigger Higher Taxes Without Proper Planning
The Tax Trap: How Social Security Can Trigger Higher Taxes Without Proper Planning is a reality many retirees never see coming-until it's too late. Most people assume their Social Security benefits are tax-free because they've already paid into the system during their working years. But the truth is, Social Security can become partially taxable based on how much other income you have in retirement. Without a clear strategy, your benefits could push you into a higher tax bracket, erode your income, and upset the balance of your entire retirement plan. The IRS uses something called “provisional income” to determine how much of your Social Security is taxable. This includes half of your Social Security benefits,

plus all other income-such as withdrawals from traditional IRAs and 401(k)s, dividends, interest, and even tax-free municipal bond income. If your provisional income exceeds certain thresholds, up to 85% of your Social Security benefits can be taxed at your ordinary income rate. For example, if you're single and your provisional income exceeds \$34,000-or \$44,000 for a married couple filing jointly-then the maximum 85% of your benefits may be subject to taxation. It's a surprise that blindsides many retirees, especially those who believed that keeping their income modest would shield them from extra taxes. But the trap doesn't end there. Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from traditional retirement accounts can push you past those thresholds, even if you don't need the money. These forced withdrawals not only increase your taxable income but can also trigger higher Medicare premiums, known as IRMAA surcharges. What looked like a solid retirement plan can quickly become a tax-heavy burden. Fortunately, with proactive planning, this trap can often be avoided or minimized. One common strategy is converting traditional IRA funds to Roth IRAs in the early years of retirement, when your income might be lower. Roth distributions are not counted in provisional income, which helps reduce taxation on Social Security. Fixed indexed annuities can also provide income that is tax-deferred and doesn't

immediately affect your provisional income calculation. Social Security is a valuable benefit, but without careful tax planning, it can become a financial liability. The key is understanding how all your income sources interact and building a plan that protects your benefits-and your wallet. Tax traps in retirement are avoidable, but only if you see them coming and take action early. Stephen Dybwad, a long-time Hoosier resident, is a member of Syndicated Columnists, a national organization committed to a fully transparent approach to money management. Syndicated Columnists is the sole provider of this material, both written and conceptual, for this column. All rights reserved. Kasper Insurance 220 Clifty Drive Madison, IN 47250 Telephone 812-273-1187. Stephen Dybwad (annuity.com)

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LOCAL LEAGUES

Thursday, Oct. 16
HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

Miller Automotive Aces d. Christian Academy Of Madison Defenders, No. 1 25-17, 24-26, 15-12.

Key Manufacturing Orange Crush d. Christian Academy Of Madison Defenders No. 2, 25-18, 25-17.

Greves TV & Appliances Home Center Sassy Setters d. The Farm Off Road Family/Cutshall's Contracting Pink Powerhouse, 25-22, 22-25, 15-10.

Andersons' Sales & Service Purple Passers d. Jennifer's Simple Fashions Bumble Bee Ballers, 25-7, 25-13.

Daniel Ison "LIVE Your Dreams" Scholarship Mission: Unblockable d. Bumble Bee Ballers, 25-13, 20-25, 15-8.

Monday, Oct. 20
MADISON CHURCH VOLLEYBALL

HALLELUJAH DIVISION

Falls City No. 1 d. Mount Pleasant Baptist, 25-15, 25-15.

Mount Pleasant Baptist d. Falls City No. 3, 25-13, 25-22.

First Baptist d. Falls City No. 3, 25-14, 29-31, 15-7.

First Baptist d. Falls City No. 2, 25-17, 25-16.

Falls City No. 2 d. Falls City No. 1, 17-25, 25-21, 15-13.

Wirt Baptist No. 2 d. New Heart No. 2, 25-19, 25-16.

Riverstone No. 2 d. 24/7 Life No. 2, 25-23, 25-23.

New Heart No. 1 d. 24/7 Life No. 2, 25-19, 25-19.

PRAISE DIVISION

Wirt Baptist No. 1 d. Hanover United Methodist, 25-13, 25-22.

Wirt Baptist No. 1 d. Riverstone No. 1, 25-11, 25-13.

24/7 Life No. 1 d. Dupont Baptist, 25-19, 25-12.

Riverstone No. 1 d. Dupont Baptist, 25-17, 17-25, 15-13.

Tuesday, Oct. 21
HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

TOURNAMENT

GAME 1

Christian Academy Of Madison Defenders No. 2 d. Jennifer's Simple Fashions Bumble Bee Ballers, 25-10, 20-20.

GAME 2

The Farm Off Road Family/Cutshall's Contracting Pink Powerhouse d. Daniel Ison "LIVE Your Dreams" Scholarship Mission Unblockable, 25-23, 25-21.

GAME 3

Key Manufacturing Orange Crush d. Christian Academy Of Madison Defenders No. 1, 25-10, 25-13.

GAME 4

Miller Automotive Aces d. Greves TV & Appliances Home Center Sassy Setters, 25-22, 15-25, 15-2.

GAME 5

Andersons' Sales & Service Purple Passers d. Cam Defenders No. 2, 25-12, 25-16.

SARRATT

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Indiana wanted.
“We gave everybody an opportunity in spring ball. We stuck E.J. (Williams Jr.) in there, Sarratt, Cooper, there were new transfers we stuck in there,” Cignetti said. “Cooper just seemed the most comfortable (there). He still gets his reps

outside when we’re playing with two receivers. I just think what you’re seeing from him, he’s older, more mature, he’s a veteran now. He sees what’s out there.”
Yet as Cooper has embraced a more prominent role on the nation’s fourth-highest scoring offense (43.9 points), he’s still willing to share credit rather than celebrate alone in the spotlight.
Williams attended high

school in Alabama, started his career at Clemson and transferred to Indiana in 2023 before opting, like Cooper, to play for Cignetti instead of finding a new school. As a result, Williams went from playing six total games in 2023 and 2024 to becoming a key cog in this offense.
He’s already surpassed his previous two-year totals with 19 receptions, 212 yards and three receptions in 2025 as this

trio has become one of the nation’s most potent receiving combinations.
Sarratt and Cooper didn’t expect anything less when they opted to come back for one more season together.
“A lot of people sleep on E.J. because of (Elijah and me), but E.J. is a really good player, and he was able to show you that today,” Cooper said after Williams caught a key TD pass against Michigan State. “The

fact that it’s three of us allows us to go out there and play more free, knowing you can’t just double team one person because we’ve got more weapons than you can hold.”

HANOVER

FROM **PAGE B1**

on Saturday and heads to Anderson on Tuesday.

VOLLEYBALL FALLS TO MSJ
Hanover volleyball suffered a 3-2 loss at home to Mount St. Joseph on Wednesday. Scores of the sets were 25-18, 9-25, 20-25, 25-22, 15-10. Abbey McCoy had 15 kills

for the Panthers, Madison Schicker had 24 digs, Maddie Robertson had four blocks and Megan Vogel had 25 assists.
Hanover, now 14-9 overall, 2-2 HCAC, travels to Rose-Hulman on Saturday and heads to Transylvania on Wednesday.

WOMEN'S GOLF 6TH AT WITTENBERG
Hanover women's golf shot a two-round total of 761 to place sixth out of seven teams

at the Wittenberg Fall Classic on Monday and Tuesday.
Cassidy Clark tied for 23rd with a 181 to lead Hanover, Kami Cooper finished tied for 28th with a 185, Gracie Shepherd was 33rd with a

193, Madelyn Arrenholz was 35th with a 202 and Sofie White was 37th with a 210.
The match ended Hanover's fall season. The Panthers return to action in March.



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
ESTATE NUMBER 39C01-2510-EU-000069

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE
OF CARL MORGAN DECEASED.

Devon M. Sharpe, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE,
307 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL MORGAN, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that William Kalb was, on the 14th day of October, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Carl Morgan, deceased, who died on the 28th day of September, 2025.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 14th day of October, 2025.

Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN



LEGAL NOTICE

SB#IF2507017
STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)
IN THE JEFFERSON SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO: 39D01-2508-MF-000819

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Shed Series IV Trust
Plaintiff
vs.
Laura E. Goodwin, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described real estate:

LOT NUMBERED SEVENTY-ONE (71), IN HENSLER HEIGHTS, AN ADDITION TO JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 99, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA.

More commonly known as: 2490 Franks Drive, Madison, Indiana 47250

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are known to me: None

This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me: Jason Goodwin & Laura Goodwin

In addition to the above-named Defendants being served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

SOTTILE & BARILE, LLC
By: /s/ Zarkis V. Daroga
Zarkis V. Daroga (17288-49)
Attorney for Plaintiff

ATTEST: 10/1/2025
/s/ Tabitha Eblen
Clerk of the Jefferson Superior Court

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Flacco settling in with Bengals ahead of matchup vs. former team

BY CHARLIE GOLDSMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Joe Flacco faces one of his former teams on Sunday as the Cincinnati Bengals host the New York Jets. During Flacco’s three-season stint with the Jets from 2020-22, he posted a 1-8 record as a starting quarterback and spent most of his tenure as a backup.

“I don’t know if I necessarily enjoyed how everything went on the field there, but I’m super grateful for my time there,” Flacco said. “It’s just one of those times in my career that you had to fight through some things and kind of get to the next step. A lot of great guys on that team and a lot of great memories with them.”

While Flacco only had one win in three years with the Jets, he already has a dramatic win over a first-place team in his two weeks with the Bengals. Ten days after he joined the team, Flacco threw for 342 yards in a 33-31 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Flacco has had to go

through a crash course of the Bengals’ offense, and this has been his first normal week to get ready for a game with Cincinnati.

“That will be really helpful,” coach Zac Taylor said. “It will really slow down, and we can hone in on what he continues to do best and keep featuring that.”

Flacco was acquired in a trade with Cleveland to help the Bengals stay afloat until Joe Burrow can return from toe surgery.

Offensive coordinator Dan Pitcher said he has already learned a few important lessons from working with Flacco. Pitcher, who’s 38 years old, said he probably won’t get another chance to coach a quarterback who’s older than him.

Flacco is 40, and his bank

of knowledge has really stood out.

“He has just been unflappable,” Pitcher said. “He’s walked in here and it is almost like he walked in here and has known us for a decade. I think that is just the experience and having been in the biggest moments and lived so many highs and so many lows and a life in football. He has started a season’s worth of playoff football games. He’s seen it all, done it all. I think you just feel that from him.”

Now that Flacco has more time around the Bengals’ coaches, he’s getting more

comfortable with Cincinnati’s system. While he may not throw for 350 yards every week, Flacco expects to see continued improvement.

For example, against the Steelers, there were examples where the play call from

Taylor through Flacco to the entire offense in the huddle didn’t go according to plan. That resulted in plays where not everyone was on the same page.



LEGAL NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission will NOT meet in November 2025, as there is no business at this time. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION. By: Taylor Baulac, Secretary, Jefferson County Plan Commission.

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LEGAL NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. at the Jefferson County Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson Street, Madison, Indiana. The purpose of this meeting is to hear a Development Standards Variance application, filed by Michael Lindsey, property at 11833 W SR 56, Lexington, IN, 47138, Republican Township, AG District, Parcel# 39-15-14-000-007.003-011. The application is to request parcels to be split off and to use existing driveway/easement to service all properties. As well as to hear a Special Exception application filed by Brad Riggs with Kimley Horn/Vertical Bridge (The Towers LLC) in conjunction with Verizon Wireless, property at 7871 W Jones Road, Lexington, IN, 47138, Saluda Township, AG District, parcel# 39-14-33-000-006.000-012. The application is to request a special exception to install a communications tower for a 255' self-supporting lattice tower with a 10' lightning rod (265' overall height) and associated antenna and ground equipment within a 75ft x 75ft fenced compound. The Board of Zoning Appeals may consider any other business that comes before it at this date and time. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. By: Taylor Baulac, Secretary, Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals



STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON
CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
39C01-2510-PL-000996

KAREN TINGLE,
Plaintiff
VS
ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS
CLAIMING ANY RIGHT,
TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR
INTEREST IN THE REAL
PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN
THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE
TO THE PLAINTIFF'S OWN-
ERSHIP, OR ANY CLOUD
UPON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE
THERETO,
Defendants

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: All Unknown Persons, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property
Described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto
Whereabouts Unknown

THE STATE OF INDIANA to the above persons named as Defendants and any other person who may be concerned.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been sued in the court above-named by the person named as Plaintiff. The nature of the suit is a complaint for adverse possession and to quiet title. The complaint was filed on October 9, 2025. The nature of the suit is a complaint for adverse possession and to quiet title to the following described real estate located in Jefferson County, Indiana:

In the City of Madison, and being a part of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 10 East; Beginning at the northwest corner of the North Madison School Lot; thence north parallel with the west line of the School Lot, 100 feet; thence south 69° 30' east, 60 feet; thence south parallel with the west line of the School Lot 100 feet; thence north 69.5° west 60 feet to the place of beginning. ALSO an easement of a roadway; beginning on the north line of School Lot 60 feet east of the northwest corner of School Lot; thence south 69.5° east with said school house lot line 109.5 feet; thence north 18 feet; thence north 69.5° west 109.5 feet; thence south 18 feet to the place of beginning. ALSO part of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 10 East; beginning 140 feet west and 10 feet south of the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of said section; thence south 15° 22' west 100 feet to the northeast corner of North Madison School Lot; said point being 110 feet south 72° 4' east from the northwest corner of original school lot, thence north 15° 22' east 100 feet to a stake; thence south 72° 4' east 50 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 0.115 acres, more or less. ALSO the right to the use, together with others, of an easement of a roadway which begins 34° west 18 feet north of school lot; thence east 16.5 feet and same width along the east side of school lot to Orchard Street, about 13 rods. See Deed Record 122, page 56.

The whereabouts of All Unknown Persons, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto, are unknown.

You must respond to the suit within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published and, if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is William Joseph Jenner, Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe, 508 East Main Street, Madison, Indiana, 47250, Telephone: (812) 265-5132.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana [SEAL]



LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing for Developmental Standards Variance

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana, Board of Zoning Appeals on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at the Jefferson County Surveyor's Office, located at 315 Jefferson St., Courthouse Annex Bldg., Madison, Indiana, will conduct a public hearing for a Developmental Standards Variance.

Interested persons may appear in person or by counsel to present their views upon the proposed application for Developmental Standards Variance. Written comments or objections to this application may be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals at/or before the hearing and will be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as the Board may deem necessary. A copy of the application of the Developmental Standards Variance is on file in the Jefferson County Plan Commission Office at 315 Jefferson Street, Courthouse Annex Building, Madison, Indiana, for public examination. The Jefferson County Planning & Zoning Office can be contacted at 812- 274-3928 or by email at taylor.baulac@jeffersoncounty.in.gov

The Nature of the Requested Developmental Standards Variance is:

To split off parcels and use the existing driveway/ easement to service all properties. At the following commonly known address: 11833 W SR 56, Lexington, IN, 47138, Parcel Numbers: 39-15-14-000-007.003-011 and 39-15-14-000-007.000-011

In Republican Township and more fully described at Sec 14, T 3 N, R8E

Application submitted by: Michael Lindsey

By order of the Jefferson County, Indiana Board of Zoning Appeals

Attest: Taylor Baulac, BZA Secretary/PC Administrator



LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing for Special Exception

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana, Board of Zoning Appeals on November 5, 2025, at 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at the Jefferson County Surveyor's Office, located at 315 Jefferson St., Courthouse Annex Bldg., Madison, Indiana, will conduct a public hearing for a Special Exception.

Interested persons may appear in person or by counsel to present their views upon the proposed application for a Special Exception. Written comments or objections to this application may be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals at/or before the hearing and will be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as the Board may deem necessary. A copy of the application of the Special Exception is on file in the Jefferson County Plan Commission Office at 315 Jefferson Street, Courthouse Annex Building, Madison, Indiana, for public examination. The Jefferson County Planning & Zoning Office can be contacted at 812-274-3928 or by email at taylor.baulac@jeffersoncounty.in.gov

The Nature of the Special Exception is:

Request for a Special Exception to locate a Communications Facility (Cell Towers). Vertical Bridge (The Towers, LLC) in conjunction with Verizon Wireless wishes to install a 255' self support lattice tower with a 10' lightning rod (265' overall height) and associated antenna and ground equipment within a 75 ft x 75 ft fenced compound.

At the following commonly known address: 7871 W Jones Road, Lexington, IN, 47138 In Saluda Township and more fully described at Sec 33, T 3, R 9

Application submitted by: Brad Riggs- Kimley Horn/ Vertical Bridge (The Towers, LLC) By order of the Jefferson County, Indiana Board of Zoning Appeals Attest: Taylor Baulac, BZA Secretary/PC Administrator



TAG TOWER III LLC proposes to build a 254-foot self-support communications tower at the approx. vicinity of North Goins Road, Madison, Jefferson County, IN 47250. Lat: 38-44-43.89, Long: -85-26-36.86. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Charles Hotchkiss, c.hotchkiss@trileaf.com, 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131. 314-997-6111.



STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE JEFFERSON
COUNTY
COURT
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
CASE NO. 39C01-2510-MI-1000

IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Kayla Brianne Cyrus
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Kayla Brianne Cyrus, whose mailing address is: 277 November Street Hanover, Indiana 47243, in the Jefferson County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Kayla Brianne Cyrus has filed a petition in the Jefferson County Court requesting that their name be changed to Kay Birdy Partin. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 @ 11:30am

Kayla Brianne Cyrus
Petitioner
Date 10/10/25
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
County Clerk: Jefferson (SEAL)



SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MADISON

IN THE MADISON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 48C01-2308-MF-000127

BAWLDOGUY NOTE INVESTMENT GROUP 1, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.

STEVEN B. BURKS (Deceased), UNKNOWN HEIR(S) OF STEVEN B. BURKS, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage related to the rights of the parties to the suit in certain real property known as 2402 S P St, Elwood, IN 46036, which is more particularly described as follows: SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF MADISON, STATE OF INDIANA DESCRIBED AS: A STRIP OF GROUND UNIFORM WIDTH OF FIFTY (50) FEET OFF THE ENTIRE EAST END OF LOTS NUMBERED 127, 128 AND 129 IN KIDSWELL'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ELWOOD, INDIANA. PROPERTY ADDRESS 2402 SOUTH P STREET, ELWOOD, INDIANA 46036

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION: 48-04-15-403-152.000-027; 48-04-15-403- 154.000-027; 48-04-15-403-156.000-027

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant whose whereabouts are unknown: Unknown Heir(s) of Steven B. Burks. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this Notice, and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Date: September 25, 2025
Attest: /s/ Linda S. Smith
Clerk, Madison Circuit Court

Douglas Haman (21328-15)
Attorney for Plaintiff
SANDHU LAW GROUP,LLC
1213 Prospect Avenue, Suite 300
Cleveland, OH 44115
[T] 513-702-2112
[E] doughaman@wdhlaw.com

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Board of Zoning Appeals
Legal Notice
MEETING DATE: November 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM
MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall-Council Chambers
STREAMING LINK: www.youtube.com/@City-ofMadisonIndianaGovernment
A. Roll Call
B. Approval of Minutes
C. Renewals
1. BZCU-23-97: Baird Homes, Inc. – Conditional Use Permit for new and manufactured home sales.
Location: 3041 W Clifty Dr Zoned: GB 1 Year Renewal
2. BZCU-23-96: Phillip & Angela Lobb – Conditional Use Permit for a guest house (second floor of residence).
Location: 213 Jefferson St Zoned: CBD 1 Year Renewal
3. BZCU-23-98: Paul Francis – Conditional Use Permit for in-home gunsmithing services.
Location: 1929 Hillview CtZoned: R-4 1 Year Renewal
4. BZCU-23-84: Leslie Jackson – Conditional Use Permit for short-term rentals. Location: 223 W First St Zoned: HDR 1 Year Renewal
5. BZCU-23-85: Deborah Watkins – Conditional Use Permit for short-term rentals. Location: 128 West St Zoned: CBD 1 Year Renewal
6. BZCU-23-92: Ahmed Al-cuma – Conditional Use Permit for selling Cigars, Cigarettes, Vaping products and related accessories.
Location: 114 E Main St Zoned: CBD 1 Year Renewal
7. BZCU-24-64: Candace Carpenter – Conditional Use Permit for a short-term rental. Location: 715 E Main St Zoned: HDR 1 Year Renewal
D. Tabled Applications
1. BZCU-25-21: Karen Fellenz –Conditional Use Permit to allow for the addition of an in-home beauty salon. Location: 2247 Seneca Dr. Zoned: Residential Medium Density(R-8)
E. New Applications
1. BZCU-25-22: Oystercatcher LLC on behalf of Richard and Sandra Freeman-Conditional Use Permit for short term rental under category 581Retail - Hotels, Tourist Courts, Tourist Home, Residential Hotel, Motels & other Transient Housing.
Location: 308 W SECOND ST Zoned: Historic District Residential(HDR)
2. BZCU-25-23: Chuck Moore on behalf of Bowlin Communications, LLC and State of Indiana –Conditional Use Permit to install a small cell utility pole under category 476 Relay Towers & Transmitting Stations (TV, Radio and Telephone).
Location: 3149 + CLIFTY DR (39-08-31-000-022.001-006) Zoned: Light Manufacturing (M-1)
3. BZVD-25-13: David Joe Craig – Variance from Development Standards to allow for construction up to the property line on the north side of the property along Second Street. Requesting a zero foot setback. Location: 1145 W SECOND ST Zoned: Residential Medium Density (R-8)
4. BZVD-25-14: Victoria Howard – Variance from Development Standards for zero foot setbacks on the north, east and west property lines to build a garage on the existing concrete pad.
Location: 510 W MAIN ST Zoned: Specialty District (SD) F. New/Old Business
1. BZCU-23-95: Michael Holcak – Conditional Use Permit for a short-term AirBNB style rental.
Location: 604 Jefferson St Zoned: HDR 1 Year Renewal
2. BZCU-23-93: CHAD & AMY NICHOLS – Conditional Use Permit for a Bed & Breakfast. Location: 708 E MAIN ST Zoned: HDR 1 Year Renewal
G. Motion to adjourn
H. Next meeting: December 8, 2025

For the purpose of hearing those for or against said applications, a public hearing will be held on November 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250.

BY ORDER OF THE MADISON CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Nicole M Schell, Director of Planning

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State of Indiana
Jefferson County Trial Court
300 E. Main, Madison, Indiana

In the Matter of the Marriage of:
James R. O'Riley, Petitioner, and
Bonna O'Riley, Respondent.
Case Number: 39C01-2508-DN-851

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

To: Bonna L. O'Riley
You are hereby notified that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you in the above court. You have been sued by your spouse for dissolution of marriage. The case is pending in the court named above. If you do not respond by December 20, 2025, the Court may proceed in your absence, and a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage may be entered against you by default. The Decree may include provisions regarding child custody, child support, parenting time, distribution of assets, and payment of debts. If you wish to respond or have any questions regarding this matter, please contact: Tabatha Eblen, Clerk
Phone: 812-265-8922 Ext. 1558
Dated: October 25, 2025



Plan Commission
Legal Notice
MEETING DATE: November 10, 2025, at 5:30 PM
MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250
SSSTREAMING LINK: www.youtube.com/@City-ofMadisonIndianaGovernment
A. Roll Call
B. Approval of minutes
C. Tabled Applications
1. **WITHDRAWN:** PCAF-25-8: John Demaree – Application to Amend Final Plat to split the parcel with the parcel ID of 39-08-26-223-001.000-007 into 2 lots. Location:1938 MICHIGAN RD Zoned: R-4-Residential Low Density(R-4)
2. SDVA-25-1: Jim Pruett on behalf of D&W Realty Holdings LLC – Application for a Variance from Subdivision Standards to allow for a smaller right of way for a future road. Location: 2629 N Michigan Rd; 4-88 Century Lane; and 200+ State Road 62 Zoned: GB-General Business(GB)
3. PCGB-25-3 : Jim Pruett on behalf of D&W Realty Holdings LLC – Application to establish setbacks for the multi-unit single family development within general business. Setbacks will be 5ft from the North, South, and East property lines. Setbacks will be 30.18 ft from the west property line. Should the development include a public road, setbacks will be 5ft from its right of way. Location: 2629 Michigan Rd and Century Ln Properties Zoned: General Business (GB)
D. New Applications
E. Adjournment
F. Next Meeting: December 8, 2025 at 5:30 PM

For the purpose of hearing oral comments concerning the listed applications, a public hearing will be held on November 10, 2025, at 5:30 PM in City Hall, 101 W. Main St., Madison, IN 47250. You are hereby advised that a copy of said proposal is on file for examination before the hearing in the Office of Planning, Preservation, & Design, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250. Written objections to the proposal that are filed with the secretary of the commission before the hearing will be considered. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

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Nicole M Schell, Director of Planning

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SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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HOROSCOPE

OCT. 24

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An experience might seem more real than it is, let a transitory pleasure be transitory. The investments you’ve made into your life are continuing to build your dreams, even if it’s happening partly hidden from view. Keep going.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A financial deal could be far from clear; read all the fine print carefully in the next few days. A friend could be dealing with a health matter behind the scenes. Don’t stake your reputation on an assumption which could be faulty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something could feel off in a relationship but it’s likely just passing stars and not a sign of any real issue. Don’t force companionship, let it flow organically. Support could feel conditional today if beliefs don’t line up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) For help to actually be helpful, the need must be clearly understood first – try to clarify what is needed before stepping in. Trying to achieve greater conformity at home could potentially work or could backfire now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A circle of reciprocity allows a community to flourish, do what you can to support these circles. Small or large, they can offer a sustainable model for humanity’s future. Your exchange can include valuable skills or strategies too. Reach out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Getting to the bottom of a domestic mystery might drive you, but the solution could remain obscure. Fun with friends could be on your agenda when responsibilities are done. Allow for differences in beliefs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Clarify your thoughts before speaking out. Resources and help could be piling up for you energetically, distribution of actual, tangible improvements into your life should begin to manifest. Stick to your inner truth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Kindred souls are drawn to your authenticity, rebels disagree and might push back; decide whether you need to explain yourself. Some financial skepticism could serve you well for a day or two, investigate carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Show your work – people will likely need to see the logic behind your magic before they’ll believe it. A friend might have the resource or advice you need now. Financial matters could improve soon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Self-work transforms self-sabotage into self-mastery – consider what you can accomplish when you’re at the very top of your game and make the investment to get there. A partner could be a strong support.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Get it clear before you put it out there, the Universe is watching. Doing your best work and acknowledging your achievements is an ultimate happiness flex. Something could be unknown or misunderstood among friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The stars could be dragging you down now, making it hard to have enough energy; consistent, moderate exercise and sleep hygiene might improve things until the stars move on into new patterns. Connect with a friend.

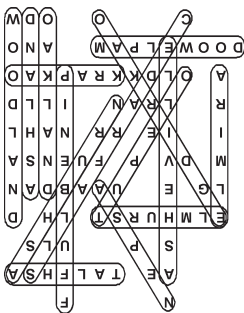
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8	7	1	9	2	4	7	9	2
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4	8	5	6	7	3	1	9	2

Jumble solution

DAISY ARENA INLAND POETIC
It wasn't possible to build -- VENT-ELATION
There was --

Sleuth solution



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SIDYA

RNEAA

NAIDNL

CPTEIO

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Answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WORD SLEUTH • TREE CITIES

X	D	A	X	N	V	S	Q	N	K	F	I	F	D	A
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Thursday’s unlisted clue: FORD

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday’s unlisted clue hint: WEST — BEACH

Ash Flat	Aspen	Maplewood	Pine Bluff
Ashburn	Cedar Falls	Oak Park	Tupelo
Asheville	Elmhurst	Oak Ridge	Woodland
Ashland	Elmira	Oakland	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 “Spring ahead” hrs.

4 Greek cheese

8 Beach crawler

12 Ecol. watch-dog

13 Verbal

14 Actress Chaplin

15 Postal nuisance

17 Some wines

18 View-points

19 Embrace

21 Chemical suffix

22 Tibetans, e.g.

26 Rainy

29 Soccer’s Hamm

30 “— voyage!”

31 “Toodle-ool!”

32 Pioneer-ing ISP

33 City bond, for short

34 Calendar abbr.

DOWN

1 — vu

2 Whirled

3 Tart flavor

4 Instigate

5 Delete

6 — chi

7 Old-style greeting

8 Welsh pooch

9 Caviar

10 Moreover

11 Some coll. degrees

16 “— and the Sun” (Kazuo Ishiguro novel)

20 Olympics chant

ACROSS

23 Border on

24 Zilch

25 Peevish fit

26 Pack cargo

27 Nutmeg spice

28 Lead-in to girl or boy

29 ‘60s chic

32 Clinic concern

33 Decorator’s theme

35 Narc’s org.

36 Broadway’s “Man of La —”

38 Gawkw (at)

39 Winner’s gesture

42 Dis-concert

43 Verizon service

44 Tart fruit

45 Belfry critter

46 WNBA star — Wilson

47 “Kapow!”

49 More, in music

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Today’s solution

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HOROSCOPE

OCT. 25

ARIES (March 21-April 19) That thing that you feel like you need to do or say, or you’ll pop? That’s the thing to NOT do today. You’re welcome. A partner could offer just the salve you need, helpful advice, or a tangible resource.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Jumping at a financial deal now could mean you miss seeing the hook hidden behind the bait. Stay with what can actually help in a relationship, don’t muddy waters without purpose. A new insight could be a game-changer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Stay on the path that’s forming up just ahead of you, it’s leading where you need to go – a new destination in your dreams. How to get things done may or may not be as all-important as it could appear today. Try not to get caught up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Not every space is the right space to share more private concerns or fears, assess before you open up. A wave of goodness and healing could come from you or to you. Consider opening in trust to the Universe.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) As much as you may want everyone on your home team to agree, they still may not, some rebellion exists in any cohort that’s not a cult. Creative expression shared with friends can be a double joy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Forcing an issue at home may go sideways due to some key bit of intel being missing or unclear, or just because of people’s natural independent thinking. Alignment can come, but it has to happen naturally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Count to ten and still weigh the wisdom of what you feel you need to say before you say it. A money tangle might continue, or it might get resolved if people decide to move toward an accord. Investing in inner/outer balance could be paying dividends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be yourself but also let them be themselves. You can’t stop them, so let them – do it with grace and understanding. An eagerness to run with a financial matter may not be backed up by the numbers. Get all the facts before taking a leap.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Fool around only if you want to find out today. A push to connect could come in too hot, let things flow, say ‘no’ if you need to. It could be time to revisit and reassess your beliefs, if you have evolved, beliefs will need to grow, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Every time you say “thank you” you’re closing the circle of gifts received; gratitude allows ever more abundance to flow. Take a look back down the mountain over the path you’ve walked so far and be proud.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don’t doubt yourself even though you’re a work in progress like everyone. Don’t let phantom doubts make you freeze up inside. Use your clearest vision possible to count up all the good, and all of what still needs work, and love yourself right now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Finding security in the herd could have strong appeal now. A novel approach to a family situation might even provide some financial help as a fringe benefit. Someone could be intrusive out in the world, boundary-up if needed.

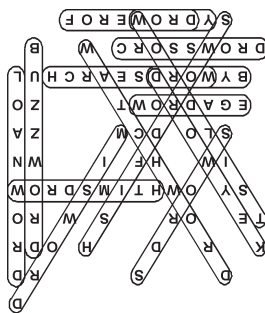
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Jumble solution

TITLE ENVOY BONNET HERBAL
There was -- VENT-ELATION
When central air conditioning was invented.

Sleuth solution



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V	T	I	W	R	P	H	F	N	I	L	K	I	W	N
G	E	S	L	O	C	D	C	M	B	Z	X	W	Z	A
U	E	G	A	D	R	O	W	T	S	R	P	O	Z	O
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D	R	O	W	S	S	O	R	C	L	W	J	I	B	G
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Friday’s unlisted clue: PALM

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Saturday’s unlisted clue hint: A SECRET WORD

Buzzword	Keyword	Swords	Wordlist
Byword	Loanword	Watchword	Wordsmith
Crossword	Misword	Word search	Wordy
Foreword	Swordfish	Wordage	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Tickle

6 Narcotic

12 Delivers a keynote

13 Come back

14 Of the abdominal cavity

15 Placed in the attic

16 Bath powder

17 Balm ingredient

19 Curvy letter

20 Gillette razor

22 Speed (up)

24 Scale notes

27 Oaxaca water

29 Perfectly

32 Colorful tortilla snacks

35 Denomination

36 Pond duck

37 Actor Stephen

38 Rotating part

DOWN

40 Mark Harmon TV series

42 U.K. recording label

44 Outside (Pref.)

46 Used car sites

50 Amazon e-reader

52 Tidy up

54 Hosted

55 Insurance type

56 Fixed charge

57 Chorus section

ACROSS

2 Shopping complex

3 City near Syracuse

4 Briny expanse

5 Snail, in Tours

6 Roughly

7 Fizzle (out)

8 Olympic skater

9 Sorbonne send-off

10 “— chic!”

11 Goals

12 Calendar abbr.

18 Designer Yves Saint —

DOWN

21 Tic- — -toe

23 Ordinal suffix

24 Scale abbr.

25 Pub serving

26 Concise

28 Big snake

Innkeeper's tax nearing record total for year

BY BOB DEMAREE

Jefferson County is on track for another record year for innkeeper's tax collections, already just \$20,000 shy of the record amount collected in 2024.

Innkeeper's tax collections were announced at Monday's Jefferson County Board of Tourism meeting. Commissioner David Bramer, who is also JCBT treasurer, reported that each month since June has resulted in innkeeper's tax collections of \$100,000 or more.

The increase is helped by a hike in the innkeeper's tax rate from 5% last year, to 8% beginning Jan. 1, 2025.

Overall, innkeeper tax collections this year are \$751,756.49, just under the \$771,384.92 that was collected last year for all

of 2024. Totals for the last four months are \$100,996.52 in June, \$100,972.36 in July, \$120,142.78 in August and \$100,079.85 in September.

In other business:

- JCBT board member Jim Bartlett provided an update on a wireless network that JCBT had funded last year to improve wireless internet capabilities during festivals. "It deployed for Roostertail, Ribberfest, Unbroken Circle, Chautauqua and Soup, Stew, Chili & Brew," he said. "Based on responses I have heard from folks, I have heard zero complaints of problems getting on the wireless."
- JCBT President Trevor Crafton said that previously weak wireless capabilities "was a problem" for vendors during

festivals and he's pleased that it is now working so well. "We always want to be good stewards" of the funding that the county receives from the innkeeper's tax to support Jefferson County tourism, and he thinks that in the future, as technology improves for wireless networks, that it will be a "really good investment" to provide funding for new versions of the equipment "whenever that is."

Bartlett said Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art committee members were told by vendors that the wireless capabilities were "a step ahead of everybody else" who puts on outdoor art shows. "The vendors were very impressed we had the wireless available for them, where very few other

places do, so that elevated the vendor experience for Chautauqua."

Crafton said, "If we're providing an experience that others don't, then we always want to stay ahead of that curve."

- Board member Matt Chandler asked Visit Madison Inc. Executive Director Andrew Forrester about the possibility of merging Ribberfest BBQ & Blues with another event. "We do have a lot of music events happening. I don't know if there's an opportunity, and you're re-evaluating Ribberfest, and there's an opportunity to merge it and make it more viable with another festival."
- Forrester responded, "Perfect timing. We're having those conversations now. We wanted to see what the final financials

were" for Ribberfest. "We're getting those wrapped up and having some conversations right now."

- Forrester said there was "record ridership" for the shuttle buses from the Madison Consolidated High School parking lot to the Chautauqua.

Crafton agreed, "There were tons of people at the high school," but just a few years ago there was minimal parking at the high school but gradually the shuttle has gained momentum. "After awhile it starts to become part of that weekend, a part of the festival and they expect it."

VMI Marketing Executive Marketing Director Sarah Prasil said there was also a stronger emphasis on promoting the shuttle service this year.

Jessica Spiess, director of programs for Historic Madison Inc., said, "I could not be more thrilled," noting that the Shrewsbury-Windle House was open during Chautauqua. "It was a banner year for us getting people into the building" from foot traffic, but also there weren't any issues for staff to park their vehicles while they worked, helped by the Chautauqua visitors who "were using those buses, and that is a huge, huge, huge thing for locals" who have trouble parking and getting around downtown Madison during Chautauqua. "We were all just so excited" to see the shuttle buses full of people. "It was a huge relief for traffic and people to be downtown. It just makes downtown so much more enjoyable."

Webster joins VMI as Group Tour and Sales Manager

BY THE COURIER STAFF

J.D. Webster has been named Group Tour and Sales Manager for Visit Madison Inc. to oversee the development and growth of Madison's group travel market.

Visit Madison Inc. Executive Director Andrew Forrester said, "I am thrilled to have J.D. join our team and fill this need as our organization continues to grow to meet the needs of our tourism industry. We've seen a lot of organic growth in group tours the last three years, and I know that with his dedicated effort, and combination of sales experience and passion for Madison, we will see even more."

Webster, a 1984 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, has a long sales career in the healthcare industry, and currently serves as a



J.D. WEBSTER

board member and event coordinator for the Madison Riverfront Development Committee, spearheading Wine Stein & Barrel and the UTV/Golf Cart Poker Run. He also recently completed two terms on the Board of Directors for the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County.

"I am extremely excited to utilize my background in sales and passion for Madison to continue bringing groups to our community from all over the Midwest and beyond! How often do you go to work every day with the opportunity to sell your hometown?" said Webster.

Webster officially began his duties on Oct. 7, joining the Visit Madison team on the Celebration Belle group tour from Madison to Cincinnati and representing the community at the America's River Roots Festival, where the team connected with thousands of visitors over four days.

NBA

FROM PAGE B1

of the operation, officials said in court documents.

Prosecutors, in their detention memo, asked a judge to detain Mafia members implicated in the case, as well as the ringleaders of the poker scheme. Prosecutors are arguing for releasing Billups and Jones but with "substantial bail conditions," including a prohibition on any form of gambling and travel restrictions.

ATHLETES ACCUSED OF LEAVING GAMES EARLY

In the sports betting scheme, players sometimes altered their performance or took themselves out of games early to rig prop bets — a type of wager that allows gamblers to bet on whether a player will exceed a certain statistical number, such as whether the player will finish over or under a

certain total of points, rebounds or assists, according to the indictment.

In one instance, Rozier, while playing for the Charlotte Hornets in 2023, told people he was planning to leave the game early with a supposed injury, allowing gamblers to place wagers earning them tens of thousands of dollars, authorities say.

After another defendant collected his cut of the fraudulent scheme, the man drove to Rozier's Charlotte home and they counted the cash, according to the indictment.

That game between the Hornets and the New Orleans Pelicans raised eyebrows at the time. Rozier played the first 9 minutes and 36 seconds of the game before leaving, citing a foot issue. He did not play again that season.

Posts still online from March 23, 2023, show that some bettors were furious with sportsbooks that evening when

it became evident that Rozier was not going to return to the game after the first quarter, with many turning to social media to say that something "shady" had happened regarding the prop bets involving his stats for that night.

The indictment against Rozier lists nine unnamed co-conspirators, including a Florida resident who was an NBA player, an Oregon resident who was an NBA player from about 1997 to 2014 and an NBA coach since at least 2021, as well as a relative of Rozier.

The NBA had investigated Rozier previously. He was in uniform as the Heat played the Magic on Wednesday in Orlando, Florida, in the season opener for both teams, though he did not play in the game. He was taken into custody in Orlando early Thursday. The team did not immediately comment on the arrest.

Durkin Richer reported from Washington, and Reynolds reported from Miami.

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